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AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND  
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**We regret the following errors in the Winter 2006-07 issue**  
• The newly chartered alumnae chapter in Concord, NH, was incorrectly identified as being in Massachusetts (page 5).

• Elizabeth Timmerman Britton, BII/Michigan State, president of the Birmingham Area Alumnae Panhellenic Association, was incorrectly identified (page 27).  
• All Thetas in the In Memoriam section (page 27) were incorrectly listed with an initiation date of 2000.

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## DELTA AND CHI CORPORATION MEETINGS

Facility corporations, all of which are required to hold an annual meeting that is announced to their respective chapter's alumnae, may use the Spring issue of the Theta magazine to make their announcement. This can save a corporation the substantial cost of mailing individual announcements to hundreds of alumnae. Facility corporation meetings to be held in the next six months include the following:

The facility corporation board of **DELTA CHAPTER at ILLINOIS** will hold its annual meeting on Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the chapter facility, 611 E. Daniel, Champaign, Ill.

The facility corporation board of **CHI CHAPTER at SYRACUSE** will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 19, at 2:00 pm in the chapter facility, 306 Walnut Place, Syracuse, NY.

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

Congratulations to Kappa Alpha Theta's newest college and alumnae chapters, which were chartered in 2006.

### College

HE/Quinnipiac

### Alumnae Chapters

Springfield Alumnae Chapter

Edmonton Alumnae Chapter

Concord Alumnae Chapter

Charleston Lowcountry Alumnae Chapter

Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter

Westchester, NY, Alumnae Chapter

Congratulations also to the following alumnae and college chapters, which are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2007.

### 125 Years

N/Hanover

### 75 Years

BΨ/McGill

BΩ/Colorado College

### 50 Years

ΔΔ/Whitman

Fort Collins Alumnae Chapter

Lubbock Alumnae Chapter

### 25 Years

EI/Westminster College

EA/Dickinson College

Orange County Alumnae Chapter

## 30 YEARS AT BAYLOR

The **EPSILON EPSILON CHAPTER** at **BAYLOR UNIVERSITY** celebrated "30 Years of Theta" with a weekend of festivities last April. About 50 alumnae returned to campus for a series of celebrations including a mixer, a Black and Gold ceremony, a Twin Stars Ball and a family picnic. Not only is Kappa Alpha Theta the first Greek fraternity known among women, it was also the very first international one at Baylor University!

## REUNIONS ANNOUNCED AX/PURDUE

The **ALPHA CHI** new member class of 1958 will hold a reunion June 8-9 at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago. Highlights will include a class dinner on Friday night, an architectural Chicago River tour, and shopping the Magnificent Mile. For more information, contact Nancy Swearingen, 480-488-1772; nhs5840@hotmail.com.

## FZ/CONNECTICUT

**GAMMA ZETA** classes of 1957,

1952, 1947, and 1942 will travel to Storrs, Conn., for university reunion festivities June 1-2. Watch for a university mailing in April. For housing and tentative activities information, go to [uconnalumni.com](http://uconnalumni.com). For Gamma Zeta information, contact Joan Forrest Horne, 516-944-6321.

## ΓΠ/IOWA STATE

A grand five-class reunion of the graduating classes of 1961-1965 of **GAMMA ΠI CHAPTER** at **IOWA STATE** University will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., September 6-9. Participants will stay at the Depot Hotel in the historic Minneapolis Riverfront District. If you haven't already heard from us, please contact Georgia Hafner Windhorst, 650-324-8990; [georgia@windhorst.org](mailto:georgia@windhorst.org).

## DISTINGUISHED THETA

A recent article in *The Cincinnati Enquirer* lauded **NANCY BROWN BAUER, ALPHA TAU/CINCINNATI**, as that city's grande dame of ballet. Bauer was the first ballet teacher at the Conservatory of Music, collaborated





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**This is an important notice for Thetas initiated between January 1, 1998, and January 1, 1999.** You have been receiving four issues of *The Magazine* each year. If you do not return the coupon with the first box checked, or respond by e-mail, you will automatically receive only the spring issue.

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with the Cincinnati Symphony, served as a high school drill and dance team coach and choreographer, and taught exercise and dance classes at numerous venues. Her most public achievement was cofounding the Cincinnati Civic Ballet, which would later become the Cincinnati Ballet Company, in 1963. And she was honored as an *Enquirer* Woman of the Year in 1989.

The article also pointed out that Nancy Bauer celebrated her 100th birthday on October 12.

## PHOTO TIPS

*The Magazine* wants your pictures for the Snapshots section of each issue! We cannot guarantee publication of all submissions, but we make every effort to publish as many photographs in each issue as we can. We are especially pleased to receive photos illustrating reunions, individual accomplishments, group gatherings, and alumnae and college chapter events. (Please note that we are not currently accepting photos announcing weddings or births.)

*The Magazine* accepts both digital images and film prints, but digital images require special guidelines. Digital photos should have a resolution of

at least 300 ppi (pixels per inch). Many digital photos sent to *The Magazine* are low resolution (72 ppi) and cannot be used. A low-resolution photo may look fine on your computer screen, but it won't look good on a magazine page.

To capture a digital image at the appropriate resolution, you must use at least a 3.2-megapixel camera, with the resolution set on large and the compression set on superfine. Taking a photo at low resolution and then increasing the file size in a photo-management program (such as *PhotoShop*) won't work. The photos must actually be shot at the highest resolution.

So keep your digital camera handy, keep these guidelines in mind, and capture those Theta moments for *The Magazine*.

## WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind? Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input.

Letters to *The Magazine* may be sent via mail (Liz Rinck, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268), fax (317-876-1925), or e-mail ([lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org)). ♦



If you are trying to locate Thetas from your chapter for a reunion, place a reunion notice in *The Magazine*! Send a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Be sure to include a contact name, phone

number, and e-mail address.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.



Katie Martin Stewart, Meg Keiley Overstake, Janey Aufderheide, Jenelle Bolesta, Adrienne Faith, Jessica Grojean, and Audrey Baer Hendricks, all 2001 graduates from the Beta Iota Chapter at University of Colorado, flew to Boulder for a bachelorette weekend.



The Flatirons Alumnae Chapter celebrated Founders Day in February with the women of the Beta Iota Chapter at the University of Colorado. Many Thetas were honored for 25, 50, 51 and 57-year milestones, including 25-year Thetas Nancy Nelson Prymak and Mary Nitz Aschfort, both BI/Colorado.



Janey Janson,  $\Gamma\Delta$ /Ohio Wesleyan posed with young alumna Barbara McElroy, BA/William and Mary; both are on the W&M advisory board.



Grandmother Frances Hanson Carver, BE/UCLA, and mother Becky Carver Adams, O/USC, welcomed granddaughter Katie Adams to the Gamma Sigma Chapter at San Diego State. Becky commented, "Words can't describe how thrilled I am. This [joining Theta] was one of my private dreams for her when she was born 19 years ago."

**Karen Koning AbuZayd, A/DePauw**, commissioner-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), will deliver the address to graduates at DePauw's 168th annual commencement in May. DePauw President Robert G. Bottoms said, "As someone who has worked tirelessly to aid people around the world, I know she will bring a thoughtful and powerful message that will resonate with our graduates long after the ceremony concludes."

**Karen Moncrieff, T/Northwestern**, was nominated for a best director Spirit Award by Film Independent for her work on the thriller, *The Dead Girl*. As the first event to honor independent film exclusively, the Spirit Awards has made a name for itself as the premier awards event for the independent film community.



Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy, Inc., in Boulder, Colo. named **Heather Campbell Willison, AΘ/Texas**, communications director. Willison is responsible for public relations, internal communications, investor relations, customer service, and copywriting. Willison has more than eight years of experience in public relations and marketing, from a wide array of industries including consumer products, technology, and entertainment.

**Susan LaCroix Hamil, ΔK/Louisiana State**, was awarded the 2006 AKC Breeder of the Year Award for the Hound group by the American Kennel Club. The award honors breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs.



**Melany Stinson Newby, AT/Ohio State**, received a 2006 Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. She is a 1974 graduate and a current member of the Dean's Board of Visitors. She recently retired from her position of vice-chancellor for legal & executive affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Sara Patton Mong, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan**, Scioto Ridge Elementary School's third-grade teacher, was one of Olentangy Local School District's 2005-06 teachers of the year.

**Jill Curtis, AX/Purdue**, is the first female head manager in the history of the Purdue football program. Purdue head coach Joe Tiller singled her out at the preseason kickoff banquet and noted that she was unanimously elected. Curtis oversees the team of managers, who are responsible for coordinating practice and pregame drills, washing uniforms, waxing and repainting helmets, etc. In addition to her 35-hour work week with the team, she juggles a rigorous major and aspires to a career in sports marketing or sports administration.



# ALUMNAE

## Kathy Larson

**Saltzman, BO/Iowa**, was elected to serve as a Minnesota state senator. Saltzman will serve a four-year term and represent eleven Twin Cities suburban communities located between St. Paul and the Minnesota-Wisconsin border.



Prior to her election to the Minnesota Senate, Saltzman was an education lobbyist and communications director for an association of Minnesota school districts.

## Romy Fineroff Taormina, ZΘ/Cal Polytechnic

**State**, is co-founder of Psi Health Solutions, Inc, and an inventor. Taormina recently launched her company's premiere product, Psi Bands, The Drug-Free Solution to Nausea. Psi Bands are comfortable and waterproof acupressure bands that are worn on the wrists to alleviate nausea caused by pregnancy, motion sickness, anesthesia, or chemotherapy.

Skyline Music Publishing recently signed singer/songwriter, **Courtney Dashe, AH/Vanderbilt**, to their roster of writers. The agreement is a joint venture between Skyline and country superstar Martina McBride and her husband, John McBride.

**Molly Swart, II/Albion**, of Birmingham, Mich., has been designated a Knight of the National Order of Merit through an official declaration of the French President Jacques Chirac. One of the highest civilian honors in France, the award was for Swart's contribution as a commercial attaché to the French trade ministry for the past 21 years.

A decade ago, **Valerie Strombeck Lunka, BI/Colorado State**, created the Red Wagon Ball in Denver, Colo., benefiting Advocates for Children, which provides abused and neglected children with CASAs. The 10th Anniversary Red Wagon Ball welcomed a record-setting crowd and earned \$350,000. Lunka was presented with the Speaking Up for Children Award.

**Elizabeth Crouch, A/DePauw**, received the prestigious NIH/Oxford/Cambridge Scholarship. Crouch will begin her training this fall at Columbia University Medical School in New York, and will work toward a Ph.D. in the summer of 2008 at the NIH and the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. After approximately four years, Crouch will return to Columbia for the completion of her training.



**Erin Foley Moore, I<sup>Δ</sup>/Ohio Wesleyan**, was recently inducted into Ohio Wesleyan University's Athletics Hall of Fame. Among many accolades during her field hockey career, Moore was named an All-American selection three times, first-team All-NCAC, and second team Academic All-American. She finished her career with 50 goals and 104 points, setting OWU and NCAC career records in both categories!



Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association



Columbus Alumnae Chapter



AT/Ohio State



O/USC



2006 Grand Convention

**Ann Welch Willard, ΔΔ/Whitman** and her husband, Bruce, hosted the Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter holiday party.



Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter

The **Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association** is one of the oldest ones in the country and KAΘ was one of the founding members! **Tracie Blackwell Moore, BΣ/Southern Methodist**; **Marjorie Salzman Schultz, I/Cornell**; **Gladys Breen Howson, I<sup>Δ</sup>/Ohio Wesleyan**; and (current president) **Laurel Hanson Kusner, II/Albion**, have all served as president during its existence.

**Columbus Alumnae Chapter's** annual Ohio State Halloween party at the **Alpha Gamma** facility found **Kelly Oliver-Hornyak, Nicole DeGrandis, Erin Bernardo Stoner**, and housemother **Marty Koch** admiring Jackson Stoner's (aka Buzz Lightyear) handiwork.

**Alpha Gamma** women from **Ohio State**, including **Carol Hanna Barnard, Betsy Townsend Zahn, Joan Rinker Taylor**, and **Pauline Bailey Arthur** review the latest round robin newsletter for their new member class. It has been traveling since 1948 through eight states.

**Meredith Cooper Worrell, Carol Briggs Porter, Janne Shirley, and Laurie Green Firestone**, all members of the **Omicron Chapter** at **USC**, pose at Juvenile Hall's annual Christmas party where Shirley works as the chaplain.

**Jane Shepherd Dick, EM/Princeton; Kathleen Bennet Tonkel, H/Michigan; Janet Paine Peters, BΩ/Colorado College; Debbie Bornmann Allen, ΔΘ/Florida; Martha Taylor Jones, AO/Oklahoma**, all former Fraternity vice-presidents alumnae, posed with the current **FVPA, Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds, BK/Drake** (second from right), at the **2006 Grand Convention** in San Antonio.

The **Mid-Cities Alumnae Chapter** invited alumnae, plus area collegians home for the summer, to attend the June meeting wearing a T-shirt from their colleges. **Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, and the University of Oklahoma** were represented (not pictured).

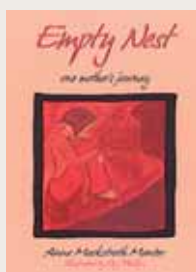


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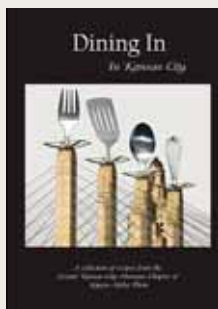
*Down Home Musings*, by **Patricia Anderson**, BI/Colorado, is a collection of observations of life in a small sleepy town in Missouri where the "Ozarks meet the Prairie." A daily (almost) memoir of Anderson's last months there before moving to Oregon, the stories she tells capture the 1950s way of life that still exists in hidden corners of the Midwest. A place of simple people and simple pleasures, the town and its residents offered many opportunities to comment on down-home living and the cycles of nature.



**Anne Meckstroth Menter**, AH/Vanderbilt, worked outside of the home while raising her two children. However, she focused much of her adult life on being a mom. When her children left for college, she found herself writing poetry to help her through this difficult emotional time. Menter published *Empty Nest: One Mother's Journey* with the hope that it might help make the transition easier for some moms.



The **Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter** is pleased to announce the publication of *Dining In-Kansas City*, a collection of recipes from their members. Sales of the cookbook will benefit projects supported by Kappa Alpha Theta, including the Jackson County, Mo., and Johnson and Wyandotte County, Kan., CASAs. The original artwork on the cover was created by Alumnae Chapter President **Heidi Pollmann**, ΔH/Kansas State.



*The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition* is a children's book illustrated by award-winning artist **Coe Lewin**



**Steinwart**, AT/Cincinnati. This cleverly rhymed story explains that Santa knows who is naughty and/or nice because he sends a scout elf to every home. A vintage-style elf doll is included to compliment the story.

*Getting to Know You* is a guided journal for expecting parents, helping them chronicle every emotion, wish, and detail experienced during those very special nine months.

Author/counselor **Christine Bielinski Dorn**, ΔE/Arizona

**State**, has thought of everything, and she invites you to use this journal as a means of capturing precious moments for you and your child to read together someday.



**Patricia Foulke**, E/Minnesota, and her husband, Robert, completed their 14th travel guide with *A Visitors Guide to Colonial and Revolutionary New England*, the first in a series of three heritage tourism guidebooks. The book can provide the basis for a historically-centered trip or can serve as an extra resource for travelers who enjoy exploring the living roots of our history. This guidebook combines the more traditional listings of lodging and restaurants with a historical component describing the formative years of the US in the New England states.



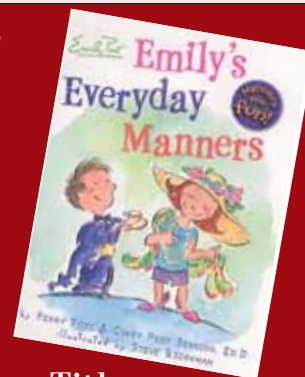
*The Department of Lost and Found*, by **Allison Winn Scotch**, BH/Pennsylvania, was inspired by the loss of Scotch's Theta "little sister" and dear friend. Elizabeth Prostic lost her battle with breast cancer when she was just 31. Natalie, the protagonist, uses

her bout with cancer to discover what is most important to her. Told with humor and hope for a happier ending, this heartwarming debut will encourage readers to take stock of their own lives.



**Nell Smith Ernst** (pen name Sonia), B/Indiana, recently published her book *The Moving Finger*.

Sonia expresses a highly personal, honest, and vivid account of her experiences with motherhood, trauma and postpartum depression in this memoir. Sonia describes, "how fragile we are in the wake of unforeseen, traumatic events, how out of control our lives can become and how a determined concentration on survival can help bring a return to a productive and happy life."



## Peggy Post Pens Three Titles

**Peggy Grayson Post**, ΔK/Louisiana State, and great-granddaughter-in-law of Emily Post, is a spokesperson and author for the Emily Post Institute. Peggy added three new books to her roster last fall: *Excuse Me, But I Was Next: How to Handle the Top 100 Manners Dilemmas*; the illustrated children's book *Emily's Everyday Manners*; and *Emily Post's Wedding Planner*, fourth edition. For more information, please visit [emilypost.com](http://emilypost.com).



# Reunions



1 In the spring of 1956, a new member class was initiated into the **Beta Sigma Chapter** at Southern Methodist University. Exactly 50 years later to the date, these women reunited at their Theta house to celebrate 50 years of membership and to witness the spring 2006 initiation of Beta Sigmas!



2 Thetas from the 1953, 54, and 55 pledge classes from **Rho** at **Nebraska** traveled to Lincoln, Neb. for a football game and reunion. (Front) **Carolyn Goetz Braley, Melba Massey Snyder, Ann Lindley Spence,** (back) **Ann Strang Whelan, Billie Howalt Gustafson, Mary Towne Wachter, Mary Kay Beachler Toft, Sandra Stevens Feese, Ellen Pickett Doty, and Patricia Keithley Olson** were in attendance.



3 Sisters from the **Delta Upsilon Chapter** reconnected for **Eastern Kentucky University's** homecoming last fall. In all, 73 Thetas representing four decades gathered for the parade, football game, dinner, and in the hotel hallway floor, reminiscent of "7th heaven," so nicknamed the floor the Thetas have occupied for decades at Walters Hall.



4 Last fall, **Sandra Maurer Mattison** hosted a **Delta/Illinois** reunion at her home in Delavan Lake, Wis. (Front) **Jane Whitney Robins, Lyn Reinhart Buechenschuetz, Ann Ridinger Mason, Martha Schueler O'Meara,** (middle) **Sandy Hausserman Bortz, Noel Hurd Schively, Sandra Maurer Mattison, Marilyn Beinhauer Darnall, Rosie Olmsted McDonel,** (back) **Shirley Randels Floyd, Anne Miller Williams, Rachel Boys Whittenbury,** all 1956 graduates, attended.



5 The class of '59 at **Tau/Northwestern,** gathered in Sunriver, Ore. for a reunion commemorating their 47th anniversary of graduation. (Front) **Elisabeth Oppmann Farwell, Betsy Randolph Tompkins, Patricia Pinder Blyth, Pris Brown Ruddell,** (back) **Anne Reisse Whipple, Sarah Stecker Schaaf, Sally Ward Yurchuck, Char Massey Hayes, Joy Furry Bennett, Carolyn Mould Keck, Jan Larsen Harrington, Pat Coryell Humphrey and Susan Stegemeier Mills** attended.



6 October marked **Vanderbilt's** 25-year class reunion for the women of the **Alpha Eta** 1977 new member class.

7 **Alpha Mu's** graduating class of 1956 at the **University of Missouri** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reunion at the chapter house in Columbia, Mo., in July. Reminiscing, touring the campus, and dining out were just a few of the activities they enjoyed! Those who attended included (front to back) **Linda Holman Atkins, Sally**



**Gaines Gentry, Susan Mitchell Callis, Phyllis McDandel Reesman, Carole Van Osdol Fripiat, Jodie Edwards Needy, Mary Lessig Sieger, Georgette Hoagland James, Pat McKee Duncan, Paula Oviatt Kurtz, Mary Ann Heagerty Piskulich, Nancy Walsworth Stephenson, Eleanor Marler Slater, Joanne Tierney Sauer, Lynn Smoot Willbrand and Jeanette Hartmann Clark.**

8 In September, a gathering of 1950s **Upsilon** alumnae from the **University of Minnesota** took place at the Women's Club of Minneapolis. Attendees included **Susan Spurzem Cuse, Janet Dillan Harding, Patricia Brown, Patricia Gillespie Leer, Jo Moes Pirsch, Ruth Berkman Long, Mary Lou Tuttle Child, Jacquelyn Curtis Nelson, Dona Emery Jordan, Constance Dyregrov Keller, Joan Breveck Adams, Maxey Swanson Megrue, Audrey Van Deren, Patty Nelson Foulke, Patricia Fawcett Spring, Nancy Berens Phillips, and Joanne Olsen Hermann.**

## Another Reunion

Thirteen members of **Alpha Chapter's** class of 1957 gathered for three days in Chicago recently to share old **DePauw** memories and create new ones. ♦



# UNF

## Welcomes Theta

Kappa Alpha Theta's newest college chapter, Eta Omicron, will be established at University of North Florida (UNF) in Jacksonville, Fla., this spring!

Opened in 1972, UNF is a public, comprehensive university with more than 14,000 students. According to its mission statement, the school's "... primary focus is on instruction, informed by scholarly activity and a commitment to community involvement." UNF offers 50 undergraduate degree programs with 115 areas of concentration and 26 graduate degree programs with 65 areas of concentration. The 2007 edition of *The Princeton Review* declared UNF the fifth best-value college in the US.

Installation of the Eta Omicron Chapter will take place the weekend of April 21. If you know of a young woman on campus who might be interested in becoming a member, please contact Jenni Broughton, asst. director of chapter services, 888.526.1870, ext. 133. Thetas interested in serving Eta Omicron as advisors may contact Christa Dell, college district director, [christadell@gmail.com](mailto:christadell@gmail.com).



# Annual Report

Dear Theta Sisters,

As every Theta knows, 2006 marked the 136th anniversary of the founding of our Fraternity. And as every Theta also knows, we owe that founding to four visionary young women. The fact that they were college students at all—at a time when less than one percent of college-aged women were actually enrolled in school—is remarkable in itself. The fact that they also dreamed of, created, and nurtured Kappa Alpha Theta is truly amazing.

Since its birth on a cold January day on a small Midwestern campus, Kappa Alpha Theta has thrived across three centuries and across the continent. It is not just our founders who were visionary; the Thetas who came after them were also strong women who were not afraid to dream and work hard.

It is up to us—the Thetas of today—to lay the foundation for the next 136 years. As outlined in this annual report, in 2006, we worked hard to achieve our vision of being the organization that provides the finest and most rewarding membership experience. By fulfilling that vision, we will ensure that our Fraternity remains healthy and relevant for today and tomorrow, for collegians, alumnae, and future members.

Each of us can make a difference, even if it is only to one other Theta. Each of us can personify the ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta. And together we can truly strive to ensure that Kappa Alpha Theta is—and will endure as—the finest and most rewarding membership experience.

Loyally,



Karen Albrecht Ledbetter  
ΓΤ/Tulsa, Fraternity President

Kappa Alpha Theta's annual report provides information on Fraternity business as well as a short historical record of the year. This annual report reviews Fraternity and Foundation programs during 2006 (January 1 - December 31). The financial information for the Fraternity, however, pertains to fiscal 2005 - 06 (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006). And readers should also note that some scholarship and ELC information pertains to the 2005 - 06 academic year.

## Strategic Plan

The creation of a strategic plan to guide Kappa Alpha Theta for the next five to seven years was begun in the spring of 2005. Theta's core purpose as articulated in the strategic plan is to support members *to learn, grow, and excel.* The core values, the five essential beliefs that will guide the Fraternity's actions, are *personal excellence, friendship and sisterhood, scholarship, service, and leadership.*



The vision based on this core purpose and these core values is: *Kappa Alpha Theta is the organization that provides the finest and most*

*rewarding membership experience.*

In order to realize this vision, specific goals—maximizing sisterhood while minimizing risk, educating collegians and alumnae about the importance and value of the Foundation, increasing relevance by decreasing duplication and wastefulness, working to be recognized as a positive contributor to student life, and developing a comprehensive public relations campaign—must be accomplished. During 2006, significant progress toward those goals, including an increase in Foundation donors from 7,800 to 9,800, an increase in award-winning college chapters from 19 to 25, and an increase in alumnae chapters from 183 to 186, was made.

## Growth

The Fraternity welcomed more than 5,770 initiated members in 2006! We also celebrated the chartering of one new college chapter and six new alumnae chapters.

The Eta Xi Chapter was installed on November 5 at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. With assistance from the members of the Gamma Zeta Chapter from Connecticut and Epsilon Tau Chapter from Yale, 70 members were initiated. Eta Xi is the eleventh active college chapter in District III, and the third in Connecticut.

Grand Council granted charters to the Springfield Area (Mo.) Alumnae Chapter in February, the Edmonton (Alberta) Alumnae Chapter in March, the Concord (NH) Alumnae Chapter in May, the Charleston Lowcountry (SC) and Grand Rapids (Mich.) Alumnae Chapters in July, and the Westchester (NY) Alumnae Chapter in December. The Springfield and Edmonton Alumnae Chapters were alumnae clubs under the Fraternity's former alumnae group structure.

## Education

### DLCs

More than 1,275 Thetas gathered at nine District Leadership Conferences (DLCs) in cities across the US for education and training in leadership, personal development, and Theta-specific programming. Presidents, along with vice-presidents finance, education, administration, development,



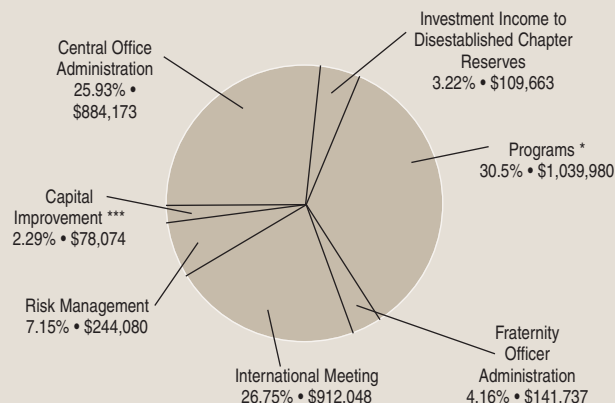
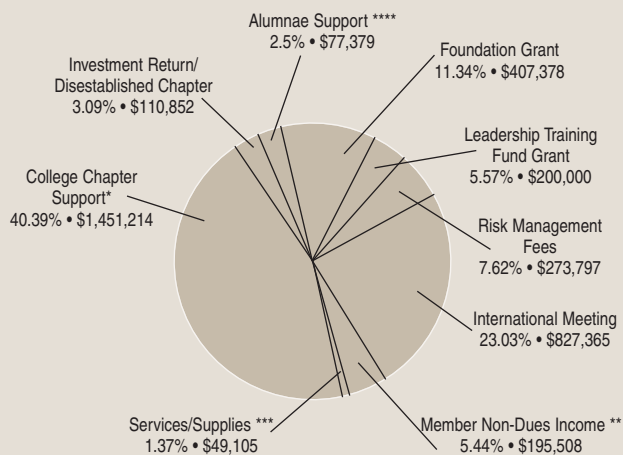
# Financial

## General Treasury Income

Total \$3,592,598

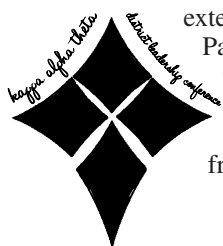
## General Treasury Expense \*\*

Total \$3,409,755



- ★ Initiation, per capita, & chapter services fees, etc.
- ★★ Pansy Peddler sales, jewelry commission, affinity charge card, etc.
- ★★★ Publications, labels/printouts, member links, etc.
- ★★★★ Alumnae per capita fees, paid individually and via alumnae chapters

- ★ Magazine, Educational Leadership Consultants, *AlcoholEdu*, etc.
- ★★ Percent of total toward educational programs is 29%
- ★★★ Computer system upgrades, building improvements



external relations, membership, and Panhellenic from each college chapter, as well as chapter advisors, attended. Participants enjoyed sharing ideas, having fun, and making new Theta friends from their districts.

### ELCs

As role models, mentors, guides, and ambassadors, Theta's educational leadership consultants (ELCs) are enthusiastic and well-informed. They develop educational programs, lead workshops, teach problem-solving techniques, motivate members, and offer assistance and support to college chapters. After comprehensive training in every aspect of the Fraternity's programming, policies, and procedures, as well as in effective communication, motivational techniques, and business etiquette, the 9 recent graduates who served as the 2005-06 ELCs fanned out across the continent, visiting each college chapter in the US and Canada.



### Pillow Talk

In an effort to raise awareness about a common, yet serious, women's health issue, the Fraternity, along with Bayer Pharmaceuticals, created a program to educate Thetas on the importance of recognizing the symptoms, risk factors, and treatment options for urinary tract infections. Named *Pillow Talk*, the program was presented to all of Kappa Alpha Theta's US chapters in 2005-06.



### LeaderShape

The LeaderShape Institute, founded in 1986, is a not-for-profit organization committed to developing in young adults the ability to "lead with integrity." In 2006, 18 Theta collegians participated in a unique six-day program at the Institute. They were given the opportunity to participate in self-discovery and practical learning experiences that build leadership concepts and abilities. Since 1990, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation grants have allowed more than 500 Theta undergraduates to attend LeaderShape.



# 2006-2008 Grand Council

## 2006 Fraternity Statistics

Active College Chapters	124
Active Alumnae Chapters	186
Total Initiated Members	212,765
College Chapters Closed	
BT/Colorado State	



**The 2006-2008 Grand Council, at the beautiful Fraternity headquarters in Indianapolis.**

(Front) Amy Hayner Kates, Fraternity vice-president college; Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, Fraternity president; Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds, Fraternity vice-president alumnae; (back) Debbie Bornmann Allen, Fraternity vice-president public relations; Wendy Sears Goshert, Foundation president; Zita Enloe, Fraternity vice-president finance and facilities; Katie Busby, Fraternity vice-president education; and Julie Ruffolo Gilpin, Fraternity vice-president membership.

## AlcoholEdu

The nation's first online, interactive alcohol prevention program, *AlcoholEdu* provides up-to-date social and biomedical facts to help collegians make well-informed decision about alcohol use and also to cope with the drinking behavior of peers and friends. Theta launched this program in 2002, and all chapter members were required to complete it that year. In every year since, including 2005-06, *AlcoholEdu* has been mandatory for all new chapter members.

## Risk Management

Young women face many difficult issues on today's college campuses: the pressure to fit in, to be thin, to abuse alcohol,



*Fitting in When You Were Meant to Stand Out?* offers college women a forum to discuss the effects of negative peer pressure and explore ways to make a difference on campus.

To recognize college chapters that have developed whole-

to be popular ... the list goes on and on. Kappa Alpha Theta and 23 other NPC groups are taking a stand on the issues that affect women on the campuses of America's colleges and universities. *Stand Up! Stand Out! Why Settle for*

some, fun activities that don't involve alcohol or risky behavior, in 2006 the Fraternity developed STAR (Sisters That Act Responsibly) awards. And at the Interim Meeting of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) in October, Theta's delegation announced the creation of the Outstanding Risk Management Programming Award, which will be presented to a college Panhellenic for the first time at the Biennial Session in 2007.

## Philanthropy

Kappa Alpha Theta has a distinguished history of community service and philanthropic involvement. Since 1989, the focus of our philanthropy has been CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocates program (In some communities, CASA is known as Guardian ad Litem and Pro Kids.) CASA's mission is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in juvenile courts.

Each year, college and alumnae chapters host fund-raisers that raise tens of thousands of dollars to support the work of their local CASA affiliates. More importantly, Thetas provide

personal support by volunteering their time in local CASA offices, making toys or other items for CASA children, and hosting events for CASA children.

Many Thetas complete the training to become CASA volunteers themselves.



Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN



In 2006, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation awarded more than \$480,7505 through 176 graduate and undergraduate scholarships presented to outstanding Theta scholars. The Foundation is proud to sponsor the largest scholarship program among all Greek-letter organizations.

During the 2005-06 academic year, 1,539 undergraduate Thetas achieved straight As for at least one school term. The following college chapters achieved the number-one scholarship ranking on their campuses during at least one term during 2005-06.

(An \* indicates those chapters that achieved number-one status during all terms.)

B/Indiana\*  
 Γ/Butler  
 H/Michigan  
 K/Kansas\*  
 M/Allegheny College  
 O/USC  
 Π/Albion  
 Φ/Pacific  
 Π<sup>Δ</sup>/Stanford  
 AE/Vanderbilt  
 AM/Missouri  
 AΠ/North Dakota  
 AP/South Dakota\*  
 AΣ/Washington State  
 AX/Purdue\*  
 BE/Oregon State  
 BM/ Nevada  
 ΓM/Maryland

ΓP/UC Santa Barbara  
 ΓX/Fresno State  
 ΔΔ/Whitman  
 ΔE/Arizona State  
 ΔΘ/Florida  
 ΔY/Eastern Kentucky\*  
 EI/Westminster  
 EA/Dickinson  
 EΠ/Bucknell  
 ET/Yale\*  
 EΦ/Chicago  
 ZH/Wofford\*  
 ZI/Washington & Lee  
 ZM/MIT\*  
 ZE/~  
 ZY/UT Dallas\*  
 HH/Albertson College\*  
 HM/Occidental College\*

Through generous donations from members and chapters, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation supports National CASA with a \$60,000 biennial grant. These monies provide education, training, and recruitment for volunteers, including publications, website development, a toll-free phone number, and the Program Director of the Year Award.

Through CASA, Thetas touch the lives of children; through the Friendship Fund, Thetas reach out and touch the lives of their sisters. Created in 1926 "...to make real to those who have met sorrow and temporary defeat the practical feel of sister hands clasping theirs in dark places," the Friendship Fund provides gifts to members experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences.

In 2005-06, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation received more than \$133,826 in contributions to the Friendship Fund. In accordance with tradition, many of these donations were collected at Founders Day celebrations. Thanks to the generosity of Thetas everywhere, the Friendship Fund provided gifts of more than

\$156,337 to both alumnae and collegians.

*friendship fund*



## Member Services

Herff Jones is the official jeweler of the Fraternity, manufacturing all official and accessory jewelry. Royalties from this association during the last fiscal year were just over \$140,000.

The Right Connection, doing business as The Pansy Peddler, has been Theta's merchandise vendor for 11 years. Royalties in 2005-06 exceeded \$5,100.

Bank of America manages the Fraternity's affinity charge card, while Coverdell continues to provide health insurance services. Royalties from these two programs in 2005-06 were about \$46,000. The Fraternity also works with National Collegiate to provide members with the Kappa Alpha Theta credit phone card and with IPPWeb to provide Internet to our members and their families. Royalties from these programs in 200-065 were about \$200.

QSP Magazine Subscription Program was used by college chapters to help defray the costs of the District Leadership Conferences. Royalties from this program went directly toward the conference fees of the participating groups.

Harris Connect compiled an alumnae directory in 2006, and royalties from this partnership will be reported as part of the 2006-07 fiscal year.





## ON CAMPUS

### COLLEGE CHAPTERS REVEAL WHAT MAKES THEM SPECIAL

#### ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

The Gamma deuteron Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta had a very exciting fall semester. After coming back from a great summer break where many of our sisters went on mission trips around the world to help the less fortunate or worked in internships around the country, we got down to business. During informal recruitment, we welcomed two new Thetas: Kate Andreovich and Tara Pavlovcak. Next, we geared up for one of our biggest philanthropies: Mr. OWU, a well-known Ohio Wesleyan event in which men from the different fraternities participate. This event raised

almost \$2,000 for CASA and helped to showcase the various talents of the men in our Greek system. As the year drew to a close, our chapter celebrated the holidays with some of the children helped by CASA. We invited them to our house and played games, made crafts and enjoyed delicious holiday food.

Our chapter also won second place in the Delta Gamma flag football competition this semester, beating all of the other sororities on our campus and coming in second against the winner of the men's tournament. We also placed second in the Delta Zeta Jell-O tug-of-war. The first half of the 2006-2007 school year was fantastic, and we eagerly awaited the second half and all the excitement it would bring!

#### X/SYRACUSE

We held our signature philanthropy event on November 4, and it was great! Theta Bowl is a flag football tournament in which 17 fraterni-

ties and our student government participated. Thetas served as coaches, and there were many spectators as well as participants. This year, we also had a pizza party the day before for all players. In total, we raised almost \$2,500 for CASA and everyone had a great time.

#### AP/SOUTH DAKOTA

The Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of South Dakota is more than just a chapter of sisterhood, tradition, and scholarship. In addition to earning the top GPA on campus for 30 consecutive semesters, our chapter thrives on diversity and involvement. Participating in almost every campus organization, club, and program, our members represent Theta with the utmost honor, respect, and pride. In fact, over the last few years, we have developed "Theta Oscars," at which our chapter formally celebrates the qualities, traits, and accomplishments every woman in the house uniquely contributes to Theta. While sharing the unity of Kappa Alpha Theta, the Alpha Rho Chapter rejoices in all the different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives of our members.

#### AY/WASHBURN

As a new philanthropic event, the Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Washburn University hosted Rock the CASA. This battle-of-the-bands concert event to benefit CASA was held the first weekend of the first semester and featured three local bands. Students supported the event by purchasing concert tickets and voting for their favorite band. Fans were also given the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets in hopes of winning locally donated door prizes, such as T-shirts, gift baskets, gift certificates, and an electric guitar. Rock the CASA was even featured by two local news stations.

"Being able to see members of the community involved with the event was the best part," said Alpha Upsilon sophomore member Stephanie Albert. "Rock the CASA was a huge success, and I would love to see it done annually."

Overall from local donations, ticket sales, money jars and raffle ticket sales, \$750 was raised to benefit CASA.



Theta Bowl is the signature philanthropy event of the **Chi Chapter at Syracuse.**



## BΘ/IDAHO

The Beta Theta Chapter has been reestablished on the University of Idaho campus for five years. The chapter has flourished and has made quite a positive impact on the Moscow campus. With the support of our alumnae and the university, Beta Theta has grown into a strong influence on campus. We want to thank all of our alumnae and show them our appreciation for our lovely chapter house and the opportunity to show our strength as Theta women.

## BI/COLORADO

Last October, the women of the Beta Iota chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta participated in Dance Marathon, an event put on by the Greek system at the University of Colorado to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network and the Denver Children's Hospital. The fund-raiser was incredibly successful, collecting more than \$50,000. Theta was the top fund-raiser for the second year in a row, raising more than \$9,000.

Continuing to give back to the community, chapter members pledged to accumulate 500 hours of volunteering by the end of the first semester. We got involved by volunteering at local elementary schools, helping to put on a Halloween party for kids at the Theta house, and delivering food to the elderly around the holidays.

We were recently honored for these efforts by being awarded the John G. Copland Award and Scholarship. This is a scholarship and award that is presented to the Greek organization chapter at the University of Colorado which shows a vast amount of both campus and Greek community involvement. The members of Theta were found to be active through various leadership positions on campus, intramural teams, and philanthropies. Thus, by combining individual efforts, Theta is striving to do what it can to make a difference in the Boulder community.

## BT/DENISON

For the past three years, the Beta Tau Chapter at Denison University has had great success with our major philanthropy event, KATS with Bats, a campus-wide softball tournament to benefit CASA. Because of how much

fun members have had organizing that philanthropy event, this year we decided to explore additional fund-raising opportunities, and began a new tradition with a big success.

The first Cupcakes for CASA took place in October. Cupcakes were sold in two locations; a total of \$250 was raised, the cupcakes were sold out by the end of the night, and the event definitely exceeded the expectations of the chapter.

## BΦ/PENN STATE

The sisters of the Beta Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta are ecstatic about our fantastic fall semester! We kicked off the year in September with our annual Watermelon Bash, gathering more than 15 fraternities and sororities to participate in exciting events like watermelon-eating contests and watermelon relay races. The event was a blast and extremely successful, raising \$800 for CASA! We also pledged a wonderful fall new member class of 12 amazing women.

In October, we hosted our jean sale, which raised an outstanding \$1,300 for CASA. Our fund-raising efforts earned us a position as one of the Top Ten Cumulative Giving Chapters, donating \$44,402.32!



All the members of the **Alpha Rho Chapter at South Dakota** posed in front of their facility.



Members of the **Beta Theta Chapter at Idaho** are proud of their new chapter facility.



The **Beta Iota Chapter** was honored by the **University of Colorado** for philanthropic efforts and community outreach.

Homecoming was an unforgettable week; we also pledged our winter new member class, adding 24 wonderful women to our sisterhood! Our newest



Members of the **Gamma Upsilon Chapter**, chapter advisors, and members of the **Dayton Alumnae Chapter** attended a reception for Sara Schroth, **ΓΥ/Miami**, (front center) the first recipient of the Gamma Upsilon Graduate Scholarship.



Ashley Daughdrill, president of the **Delta Kappa Chapter**, Julia Coutin, vice-president of public relations, and Rachel Crockett, philanthropy chairwoman, presented a check for more than \$13,000 to Liz Betz, executive director of Capital Area CASA Association. The funds were raised through *Crawfish on the Clover*, Delta Kappa's annual crawfish-boil at **LSU**.

members were hard at work from the start as we paired with the brothers of Kappa Alpha Order in November to being practicing the Broadway show *Smokey Joe's Café*. After performing against 21 other fraternity and sorority pairs, we are proud to announce that we are the 2006 Greek Sing Overall Winners! The semester came to a close with our beautiful fall formal at the Atherton Hotel. Despite a very busy and exciting semester, we still maintained high academic standards, with the fourth highest GPA ranking in Panhellenic! In the spring we will continue our fund-raising efforts for pediatric cancer with the brothers of Beta Theta Pi for Penn State's Dance MaraTHON, the largest student-run philanthropy in the world! We are working hard to place in the top 10!

#### ΓΘ/CARNEGIE-MELLON

This semester was a huge success

for the Gamma Theta Chapter at Carnegie-Mellon University! We kicked off the year with astounding success during recruitment, gaining a new member class of 22 amazing women. After such a fantastic recruitment, we quickly turned all our energy to our annual philanthropy, Mr. Fraternity, in which a member of each fraternity competes in charm, beauty, and talent to help us raise money for the Central Ohio Breathing Association in honor of Karin Johnson, a Gamma Theta sister. We ended the semester on an excellent note with the appointment of new officers.

#### ΓΥ/MIAMI

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Miami University is proud to have endowed a scholarship through the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Sara Schroth, Gamma Upsilon/Miami, was the first recipient of the \$1,500 graduate scholarship, and she traveled from Washington, DC, to Oxford, Ohio to attend a special scholarship reception. In addition to chapter members, Gamma Upsilon advisors and Dayton Alumnae Chapter members also enjoyed attending the reception.

#### ΔK/LSU

Each spring, the sisters of the Delta Kappa Chapter at LSU host *Crawfish on the Clover*, a fund-raiser benefiting the Capital Area Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association.

This year's 14th annual *Crawfish on the Clover* took place in early April. Capital Area CASA representatives

were present to visit with guests and answer questions about CASA.

Risa Mueller, Capital Area CASA Association community development coordinator explained, "Throughout the year, the members of Kappa Alpha Theta work diligently to improve the lives of the abused and neglected children we serve at CASA. *Crawfish on the Clover* is the largest fund-raiser they conduct. We truly appreciate their efforts."

Musical entertainment was provided by The Boudin Cajun Band, and Delta Kappa sisters served thousands of pounds of delicious boiled crawfish, jambalaya and unlimited refreshments to guests.

We presented a \$13,685 check to the Capital Area CASA Association—Baton Rouge's affiliate of Court Appointed Special Advocates. Despite many adversities, including the ever-present aftereffects of Hurricane Katrina, we raised and donated to CASA almost \$5,000 more than the year before.

#### ΖΣ/OHIO NORTHERN

The Zeta Sigma Chapter at Ohio Northern recently participated in Fill the Fireplace, a university-sponsored event to support a needy family in the community. Adopt-a-family has been a traditional occurrence for our chapter each Christmas; however, this year the event skyrocketed.

Panhellenic Council created the Fill the Fireplace program, and each sorority, fraternity and student senate individually adopted families. Each chapter was also responsible for designing a fireplace, with the winner receiving \$50 to donate to their philanthropy.

The event turned out to be a huge success! Our chapter provided our family with 14 presents for each of the children, in addition to 12 packages for each of the parents, a stocking for each child, a family gift basket, and gift certificates. Our family was thrilled with all the presents and could not thank us enough! And we were thrilled to meet our family and watch them open their stockings and family basket presents!

#### ΖΤ/DELAWARE

In October, the Zeta Tau Chapter held our first Singled Out competition, based on the hit MTV show of the



'90s. Dating pools of fraternity men and sorority women competed to win a date with one lucky man or woman. More than 400 members of Greek life and the student body came out to support CASA, and we raised approximately \$1,300. The sisters of Zeta Tau are so proud of the hard work that contributed to such a successful event, and we look forward to raising even more money next year.

During homecoming weekend at the University of Delaware, the women of the Zeta Tau Chapter, past and present, gathered together once again for a Theta alumnae brunch. Sisters were able to reconnect with those who graduated and the founding members shared their Theta memories.

### HK/JOHN CARROLL

In November, the ladies of the Eta Kappa Chapter at John Carroll University held the annual "Mr. University" male talent competition. The charity event raised more than \$3,100 for CASA, along with plenty of laughs and fun.

The night included a talent competition that showcased comedians, singers, guitarists, and an interpretation of the evolution of dance! This year's winner sang a Theta rendition of "Part of Your World" from *The Little Mermaid* where he described the life of a Theta at John Carroll and how he wished to be part of Theta's world! The event brought the small campus of 4,500 students together for a night of fun and all for a great cause.

John Carroll's annual Greek Week, held in early spring, showcases each sorority and fraternity members' talents through various games, including one-legged races, sports, eating contest, and the most anticipated, Lip Sync. In Lip Sync, each chapter illustrates a story with music, choreo-

graphed dancing, and costumes.

In addition to Mr. University and Greek Week, members of Eta Kappa enjoyed the annual mother/daughter luncheon, a sisterhood sleep-over event, and, of course, community

service, including "Through the Eyes of a Child" where members actively take a needy child under their wing for a day and participate in fun events.

Each year at Eta Kappa is filled with laughter, smiles, and Theta memories that will last a lifetime!

### HA/~

After much anticipation, practice, and excitement, the Eta Lambda Chapter at Santa Clara University proudly welcomed 45 new members this fall. Led by an incredible recruitment team, and with the help of dedicated advisors and alumnae, recruitment this year was an extraordinary success and milestone for our chapter. Chartered only three years ago, the caliber of recruiting at our chapter has improved immensely.

Philanthropy night, titled "Cuddles for CASA," received raves from members and potential new members alike. During the night, each sister and a potential new member decorated together a mini T-shirt for a teddy bear. Tables were covered in glitter, glue,

rhinestones, fabric pens and buttons. The creativity of our women and the potential new members was astounding! A giant kite with a tail that wrapped around the room was hung on the wall. When each T-shirt was completed, it was hung on the



The **Zeta Sigma Chapter** at **Ohio Northern** was thrilled to participate in "Fill the Fireplace," a university-sponsored event to support a needy family in the community.

tail to dry. By the end of the evening, you could not have fit any more T-shirts on that tail!

Numbering over 150, the teddy bears (and their uniquely designed T-shirts!) were donated to our local CASA chapter's "toy store," from which advocates can take fun, comforting items to give to their children. Philanthropy night allowed each of our women and all the potential new members to touch a child's life through the gift of a little time, talent and thought. The donation of teddy bears also sparked the growth of a stronger relationship with our local CASA chapter.

Hopefully, "Cuddles for CASA" will become a tradition as our chapter continues to aim higher and higher in its goals for recruitment and our sisterhood as a whole. ♦



Through the "Mr. University" talent competition/charity event, the **Eta Kappa Chapter** at **John Carroll** raised more than \$3,100 for CASA.

# ALUMNAE ALBUM

ALUMNAE CHAPTERS HIGHLIGHT THEIR SUCCESSFUL MEMBERS, PROGRAMS, AND FUND-RAISERS



**Atlanta** Alumnae stuff return-to-school goody bags for the Emory Thetas.



**Baton Rouge** Representatives from Kappa Alpha Theta— Alumnae Chapter President Kathryn Trick, ΔK/LSU; CASA Recruitment Coordinator Christy Kayser, EI/Westminster; Delta Kappa Service Chairman Rachel Crockett—deliver Christmas presents for CASA children to CASA Executive Director Liz Betz.



**Chicago North Shore** The Chicago North Shore Alumnae Chapter holds a holiday gathering each year.

## ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque and Santa Fe Thetas met in Santa Fe for a fall 2006 luncheon, where they enjoyed a unique presentation, *Who Buys Art and Why?*, by Theta artist Janet W. Kimberling, Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan.

Kimberling is an artist whose landscapes reflect her fascination with the drama of nature, her love of the ever-changing cloud formations of New Mexico, and the challenge of depicting the crumbling walls of ancient architecture. Traditional in method as well as subject matter, she prepares her own mediums from Old Master recipes and paints on Masonite panels or on the finest Belgian linen, which she primes herself with rabbit-skin glue and gesso.

A native of Pelham, NY, Kimberling's interest in art began at an early age under the tutelage of her father. At the age of 11, she was one of the youngest of 400 exhibitors selected from throughout the United States to show her work in the Young America Paints competition in Rockefeller Center.

Kimberling's artistic education continued during a painting trip by bicycle through Europe, professional free-lance architectural rendering, and full-time painting. In 1975 she moved to Santa Fe, where she now resides. Kimberling's paintings have been shown in many of the country's leading galleries and are in numerous private collections throughout the United States and Europe. Her website, [janetkimberling.com](http://janetkimberling.com), provides a view of her unique work.



**Albuquerque** A painting by artist Janet Kimberling, ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan, who presented a unique program to the Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter.

## ATLANTA

Late summer and early fall were busy for the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter! As in years past, board members attended a retreat at the Lake Rabun home of Roses Longino, Beta Nu/Florida State. This weekend event gives the board members an opportunity to map out the fall activities, to bond, and to have fun.

This year's meeting included our special project for the Delta Zeta Chapter at Emory University. Board members adorned gift bags and filled them to the brim with college essentials and goodies. These gift bags were presented to the Emory women on the day they moved into their new campus-owned facility. The meeting also included a trip to Tiger Mountain Winery, co-owned by Martha Ezzard, Gamma Delta/Georgia, and Leckie Stack, Alpha Theta/Texas, and their husbands, for a wine tasting.

The Board Retreat is just one of the many traditions enjoyed by women serving on the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter board.



## BATON ROUGE

The children of the Capital Area CASA Association had a brighter Christmas thanks to donations from members of the Delta Kappa Chapter at LSU and the Baton Rouge Alumnae Chapter. The groups partnered to purchase toys, clothes, and other items based on each child's needs and wants. In an overwhelming display of generosity and holiday spirit, the Thetas provided gifts for 55 local abused and neglected children.

## BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

The Birmingham Alumnae Chapter celebrated its 40th anniversary as a chapter in 2007. (The group had a long and active history as a club prior to becoming a chapter.) Special recognition was given to this important occasion at our Founders Day held on Saturday, January 27, 2007. An exchange of chapter/club memories was given by those present who signed the charter in August 1967 and are still active in the chapter today.

## BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

We are a very active alum chapter in Texas with more than 40 members this year. We support a scholarship with an annual geranium sale; we also support a local CASA group, Voices for Children, through monetary donations and Christmas gifts for more than 60 children. For the most part, the gifts we provide are the only gifts these children get each year.

The annual fall potluck dinner is one of our most popular event organized by our chapter.

## CHICAGO NORTH SHORE

More than 43 members of the Chicago North Shore Alumnae Chapter gathered in December for dessert, conversation, and the annual 'steal-a-gift' holiday exchange. The event was attended by local members who also serve the Fraternity in other official roles, including Mary Ellen Fitzsimonds, Beta Kappa/Drake, Fraternity vice-president alumnae; Betsy Harootyan, Gamma Upsilon/Miami, college district president; and Kristin Hellquist, Beta Kappa/Drake, public relations district director and current CNS alumnae chapter president.

## COLUMBUS

Although I never had the opportunity to meet my grandmother, Jeretta Murphy Long, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, I often heard my father tell how his mother cherished the friendships she made through Theta. Once I became a member of the Gamma deuteron Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University, I began to witness firsthand how special the Columbus Alumnae Chapter is. Often I would attend Founders Day or other special events with Columbus Alumnae Chapter mem-

**Columbus** Elizabeth Long,  $\Gamma^{\Delta}$ /Ohio Wesleyan, and Carol Doyle,  $\Delta\Gamma$ /Ohio State, at the Ohio Governor's Mansion for the Senior Link service last April, which was hosted by Ohio First Lady Hope Taft,  $B\Sigma$ /SMU.



**Corpus Christi** A couple's dinner party to celebrate Christmas is one of the highlights of the year for Corpus Christi Thetas.



**Dallas** Houston Thetas Sallie Mansell,  $A\Theta$ /Texas, and Liz Rigney,  $\Delta\Omega$ /Texas A&M, flank Dallas Thetas Jan Harbour,  $B\Sigma$ /SMU; Amanda Davison,  $\Gamma\Gamma$ /Rollins; Susie Woodall,  $B\Sigma$ /SMU; and Gwen Longino,  $B\Omega$ /Colorado College, at the Theta Charity Antiques Show of Houston.

bers. At every event, alumnae would offer supportive words or lovingly remember my grandmother to me.

Two especially important local alumnae in my life have been Marty Laylin Johnson, Beta Beta/Randolph-Macon Women's College, and Carol Stevens Doyle, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State. For example, Mrs. Johnson came to my initiation and Mrs.

Doyle was right there to welcome me into the





**Dayton** The Dayton Alumnae Chapter held its kickoff meeting in September touring a new shopping center, The Greene, followed by dinner at Brio's.



**Fargo** Kyle Hartvickson Handegard, ITN/North Dakota State, ADO extension; Nancy Meyers Gress, ITN/North Dakota State, Fargo Alumnae Chapter president; Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, ITT/Tulsa, Fraternity president; and Jill Hasse, ITN president, celebrated the presentation of a Golden Kite award to the Fargo Alumnae Chapter at Grand Convention.



**Grand Rapids** The Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter was chartered on July 31, 2006.

Columbus Alumnae Chapter last spring. As a matter of fact, I can't remember an important event happening in college in which I did not receive a note on Theta stationery or a memento reminding me of the special bond that they not only shared with my grandmother, but also with me as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. I feel honored to be part of an alumnae chapter with members like Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Johnson, who know alumnae can greatly influence the lives of active members. I am a proud member of an alumnae chapter that welcomed me with open arms long before I graduated from college.

## CORPUS CHRISTI

For nearly 70 years, there has been an organized and active Theta presence in Corpus Christi, Texas. Established in 1937, the Corpus Christi Alumnae Club became a chapter in 2005. Today, with only 35 alumnae members, our group is small, but this characteristic is an asset, allowing each of us the opportunity to play an important role in the life of the chapter. Diverse in age and interests, we utilize our wide variety of talents to strengthen the group.

Every year, as we celebrate Founders Day, we are reminded of the Thetas who have gone before us. For forty years, our Founders Day celebration was held at the home of Cecile Wavell, Alpha Theta/Texas. Cecile recently passed the torch to Phyllis Allen, Gamma Psi/TCU, and this special event is now on its way to being a tradition in her home. Although we have only a few alumnae, we are great recruiters for Theta. In 2005-2006, we had 22 active collegiate members in chapters throughout the country. The Corpus Christi Thetas also enjoy celebrating Christmas each year with a couple's dinner party that has become known for the terrific culinary creations contributed by all.

Small but strong, the Corpus Christi Alumnae Chapter is a wonderful way to connect with dear friends, celebrate life's milestones, and recruit outstanding young women to continue our long held traditions. As we all learned when we pledged, Theta is truly for a lifetime.

## DALLAS

Following up on the fun and camaraderie of the 2006 Grand Convention in San Antonio, Dallas Alumnae Chapter members traveled to Houston to support the Houston Alumnae Chapter's 54th Annual Theta Charity Antiques Show. The group had great fun attending the Very, Very Vintage Brunch.

In November, the Dallas Chapter presented the 5th Annual Dallas Alumnae Chapter Festival of Trees luncheon event. This is our major fund-raiser, supporting the Kappa Alpha Foundation as well as the local CASA chapter and Dallas Alumnae Scholarship Fund. The details of the event were of particular interest to members of the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter who are planning their own Festival of Trees luncheon for November 2007.

One of the three Ft. Worth event co-chairmen spent Sunday afternoon with the Dallas co-chairmen, learning the planning particulars of both the Sunday evening preview party honoring underwriters and designers as well as the silent/live auction and speaker logistics for the sold-out Monday luncheon.



Lastly, a Dallas alumna traveled beyond Texas borders to support Oklahoma City's Flaming Festival in November. We hope that the alumnae chapters in District VI will continue to explore opportunities to support one another's events while strengthening friendships and Theta for a lifetime.

## DAYTON

The Dayton Alumnae Chapter plans meetings and social events throughout the year, as well as an annual Flower Sale fund-raiser. The 2006 Spring Flower Sale was very successful in spite of a rainy, cold pick-up day in May. But the Dayton Thetas persevered and increased their net profit thanks to the efforts of many wet workers.

Two fall meetings were planned. In October, members enjoyed a guided walking tour of the newest shopping center in the area, followed by dinner. In November, members met at a private home and conducted a business meeting including the chapter president's Convention report.

This fall, the alumnae chapter also provided dinners to new CASA trainees and staff during training sessions, and planned two visits to Gamma Upsilon at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

## FARGO

The Fargo Alumnae Chapter was one of seven alumnae chapters that received the Golden Kite Award at Grand Convention 2006 in San Antonio. Our chapter was also recognized for our contributions to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

Other highlights of the year included our traditional antique show in July and a homecoming brunch and Christmas social at the Gamma Nu Chapter at North Dakota State.

## FLATIRONS

We have had a very industrious, successful year. Our garage sale allowed us to contribute \$1,000 to CASA and make a contribution to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

We updated our membership list by calling each and every Theta in our part of the Denver metropolitan area. We also made permanent member name tags. Each member will receive a special sticker to attach to her name tag with she pays her dues. We will do this each year, and it will be fun to see how many stickers each person can accumulate!

The highlight of our year was our Christmas party, which was well-attended. Other highlights are our active book club, our summer picnic at Chautauqua in Boulder, Founders Day celebrated with the Beta Iota Chapter from Colorado, and our new walking group and golf group.

## FOOTHILL

Each year, the Foothill Alumnae Chapter has supported the local CASA through sales of greeting cards. Each set has 12 cards that are individually wrapped and packaged, and all cards are made by loving Theta hands and stamped with our Foothill signature stamp! Each set includes a themed card for various events throughout the year, as well as cards that can be used to connect with a friend. The funds raised by the sale of these cards support local CASA programs that focus on the needs of children in foster care.

## FORT WORTH

Members of the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter partnered with the Gamma Psi Chapter at TCU to help make the tenth annual Fall Breakaway 5K a huge success. Alumnae chapter members served on the organizing committee, recruited runners, and were among the 1,300 race participants. Race proceeds were donated to the Tarrant County CASA (\$25,000) and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

## GROSSE POINTE

What makes the Theta alums in the Grosse Pointes and eastern suburbs of Detroit special? Over the years, what stands out is the diversity of this group and their high degree of community involvement.

Our chapter comprises women working and volunteering in a variety of fields, including community foundation work, fund-raising, journalism, teaching, banking, kitchen design and interior decorating. Members hail from a variety of schools in Michigan, as well as The Big 10, Big 12, and throughout the country.

One tie that binds is not only the collegial and lively social gatherings (a yearly progressive dinner, a salad supper and a holiday cocktail party to name a few), but the commitment to volunteer efforts as a group and individually.

One of these programs is called the Tutoring Tree. Headquartered in a stately historic Presbyterian church in Detroit, the Tutoring Tree is a weekly after-school program that helps area children with reading as well as the other core academics.

Over the past 20 years, Grosse Pointe-area Thetas have continued to provide financial support as well as books to the program, which has been credited with a strong record in enriching the students' learning and lives. You could say that as the learning kite soars over this program, the Thetas are many of those who help attach a few ribbons to the tail, to make sure the kite keeps soaring straight and strong, no matter how the winds blow.

## HARTFORD COUNTY

What makes our chapter special? The answer is easy: our members! The Hartford County Alumnae Chapter is a group of women who vary in age and occupation, but who always stand by one another. Whether it be baby-sitting in a pinch or supporting a member through an illness or loss of a loved one, a Theta is always there.

Our members have also created strong traditions. For example, Lynn Murray, Beta Tau/Denison, our long-time treasurer, opens her home every summer to share her award-winning gardens. For the past several years, Denise Risley, Gamma Zeta/Connecticut, has coordinated our Founders Day brunch, which is our biggest event. Michele Potvin-Piecuch, Gamma Eta/Massachusetts, has spent countless hours keeping up with the college chapters we support and coordinating awards and gifts for them (not to mention being our president for the past four years). These are just a few of the outstanding women who make the Hartford County Alumnae Chapter so special.

I appreciate each and every member of our chapter and look forward to the time I spend with them.

## HOUSTON

In October, as the Houston Alumnae Chapter closed the beautiful 54th annual Theta Charity Antiques Show at the George Brown Convention Center, we couldn't help but reflect on the 53rd annual event, which was to have taken place the previous year.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast; we know well the harm it caused our sisters in the South. In spite of our members being physically safe, the Houston Alumnae Chapter was itself a victim, in an unusual and completely unreported way: Katrina caused the cancellation of our show! The Convention Center, which was to have housed a museum-quality exhibition of priceless antiques and art, became a hospital and a temporary home for thousands of evacuees. Many Thetas were there, but not as originally intended—they were volunteering to assist the evacuees.

When Sandy Drews Lucas, Alpha Theta/Texas, the 2005 show chairman, learned that the mayor had requisitioned the convention center for Houston's humanitarian efforts, she briefly reflected on the lost hours, money, and dedication; then she set about salvaging what could be saved of the show, which was everything except the exhibition and sale of antiques. The Houston Museum of Fine Arts graciously came to our rescue by hosting the Preview Party and making its theater available for the Forum speakers. The Preview Luncheon, a new feature, was able to go on as planned because it was being held at a different location.

Because of the Houston community's respect and support for the Houston Alumnae Chapter's commitment to philanthropy, we were able to fulfill our obligations to all ten recipients of proceeds from the show, which include a local theater, the Houston Symphony, two medical programs, a men's shelter, a senior citizens service agency, the Museum of Fine Arts, CASA, and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

In addition, we were able to found a five-year lectureship series at Texas Children's Hospital, to be known as "The Donald J. Fernbach, MD, Lectureship Series, presented by The Houston Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta." It will bring nationally and internationally recognized experts to the Texas Medical Center to present their research and provide an intense teaching experience, primarily in the field of children's cancer.

One year after the only cancellation of the Theta Charity Antiques Show, we were able to come back to the Convention Center and continue a tradition that has resulted in more than \$5 million contributed to local charities as well as Theta philanthropies and scholarships.

## HOUSTON NORTHWEST

Our bi-annual newsletter, *Northwest Theta Link*, has been a long-standing tradition and the primary way to communicate with all our members. Unfortunately, it was also a Herculean undertaking for several ladies and quite an expense for a small chapter. The solution? Welcome to the world of e-newsletters!

Beginning last spring, our newsletter is sent via e-mail to our entire member database. This action has benefited our chapter in numerous ways.

- The newsletter is more attractive, as we can incorporate

color, graphics and even photos!

- The newsletter chairman now completes the issue and is able to immediately send the copy to the membership.
- There's no need to maintain the \$150-per-year bulk-mail permit.
- Printing costs and mail fees are non-existent; this amounts to a saving of greater than \$700 per year!
- There's less stress on the members producing the newsletter, with no trips to the printer, labeling, sorting, or driving downtown for mail required.
- We have the flexibility to send more than twice a year if communication is needed.

This effort has coincided with contacting all the Thetas in our area to verify information and add e-mail addresses. As a result, we are communicating with many more Thetas than we were previously. Some members still prefer to receive the newsletter by regular mail, so a handful of copies are printed and mailed to them. The move to update our process has been a positive one and we look forward to putting the time and money saved to good use!

## LA CAÑADA-FLINTRIDGE

The La Cañada-Flintridge Alumnae Chapter is very proud of the six members and two husbands who have received individual Les Tupper Community Service Awards over the past 16 years. (The chapter—then a club—received a group award in 2001.)

This award, bestowed by the La Cañada Flintridge Coordinating Council, recognizes organizations and individuals who have rendered outstanding service to our community. We are proud of our members' dedication to community service and philanthropic endeavors.

## MIAMI

The Miami Alumnae Chapter is happy to announce that its membership has more than doubled in the last year! We currently have more than 70 dues-paying members. After being defunct for several years, the group recently reformed and has gotten off to an excellent start, thanks largely to our fabulous board and amazing members. One of our favorite annual events is the Friendship Salad which takes place in the fall. We all gather at the home of one of our members and bring an ingredient that begins with the first letter of our last name to toss into a salad. For example, this year Lisette Betancourt, Alpha Phi/Tulane, brought black beans, and Morgan Smith, Alpha Theta/Texas added sunflower seeds to the mix. Christina Walker, Beta Xi/UCLA, our chapter president, topped off the night with her homemade Magnolia-style cupcakes. And each cupcake was topped with a real pansy!

## MONTEREY COUNTY

The Monterey County Alumnae Chapter turned 50 in 2006! And we are proud of our long history of service and fellowship in the Monterey area. Today there are more than 250 Thetas living in Monterey County, 50 of whom are active members of the chapter. Our membership represents Thetas from every generation and many different college chapters. At every event, I always find myself in awe of the amazing group of women in my community who happen to be my



Theta sisters!

For several years, we have shared our Founders Day celebration with Thetas from the Santa Cruz Alumnae Chapter at the spectacular Beach House of the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. The location provides the perfect setting to remember our founders and to celebrate our commitment to Theta with new friends and old.

Our alumnae chapter proudly supports CASA of Monterey County and often has a member (or two!) serving on the local CASA board of directors. Monterey County Thetas are also involved with the Monterey Bay Alumnae Panhellenic and frequently serve on its board of directors. And for many years, we have volunteered at the Carmel Foundation Senior Center, serving sandwiches and cake each Wednesday during the month of February.

If you ever find yourself in the Monterey area, please contact us—we'd love to meet you and show you the beautiful area we call home!

## NEW JERSEY NORTH CENTRAL

Sixteen members of our chapter plus a six-month-old potential Theta gathered for our annual Christmas luncheon. The home was beautifully decorated for the holiday and a particularly delightful time was had by all.

We continue to hold monthly luncheons with speakers and discussion. The most recent program was led by two ministers who commented on the Dan Brown book, *The DaVinci Code*. We had a change of pace for one meeting and had representatives from the Coldwater Creek store newly opened in nearby Chester, NJ.

## OMAHA

The giving spirit was all around at the December meeting of the Omaha Alumnae Chapter. We held our annual silent auction to raise money for our local CASA offices in Douglas and Sarpy County. Each member was encouraged to bring an item to include in the silent auction and to bid on as many items as she liked. The most fought-over item was a Christopher Radko Kappa Alpha Theta kite Christmas ornament. After dinner, representatives from CASA spoke to the chapter about how funds raised from the silent auction and our support throughout the year helps the kids in the CASA program. We raised more than \$1,200 for CASA and got some of our holiday shopping done in the process. What a wonderful way to share the holiday spirit among sisters!

## ORANGE COUNTY

Members of the Orange County Alumnae Chapter participated in the Race for the Cure for the first time last year. We organized a team of nine women and raised more than \$2,000. We called our team "KATS for the Cure" and hope to make this an annual event!

## PASADENA

The Pasadena Alumnae Chapter has many small interest groups. One of these is The 31st Club. In months that have 31 days, these ladies visit a place of interest and select a



**Houston** A Preview Party kicks off the Theta Charity Antiques Show, a half-century tradition of the Houston Alumnae Chapter.



**Miami** Morgan Park Smith, AΘ/Texas; Molly Osendorf, BO/Iowa; Susan Shoemaker McGrath, ΔΘ/Florida; Christina Schendel Walker, ΒΞ/UCLA; Tracy Regan, ΒΔ/Arizona; Meg Wright, ΒΤ/Denison; Sarah Graf Woods, ΑΗ/Vanderbilt; Lisette Betancourt, ΑΦ/Tulane; and Veroushka MacLean Volkert ΒΝ/Florida State, attended the Miami Alumnae Chapter's annual Friendship Salad event.



**Pasadena** A group from the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter toured the historic Lanterman House, posing in front of a 90-year-old bird of paradise plant.



**Pittsburgh** The Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter held another successful Toys for Tots drive and holiday fireside dinner in December. Husbands were invited and were good sports as this group of Thetas—spanning five decades—enjoyed reminiscing about Theta college days. Pictured are

Angharad Grimes Stock, AΩ/Pittsburgh; Liz Wolverton, Φ/Pacific; LeeAnn Wagner Cica, Catherine Weil Taylor, Diane Goldschmidt, Margaret Hooton, all AΩ/Pittsburgh, and Sally Cowan Reinhold, Ψ/Wisconsin.



**Plano** Front row: Cameron Smith, ΔO/Alabama; Tena Burns (mother); Shanti Davidson, ZY/UT Dallas; Karina Pettengill, BK/Drake; back row: Jan De Eppers, ZY/UT Dallas; Melissa Dvorocsik, EP/Lehigh; Stephanie Bowen, ZY/UT Dallas; Barbara Koos, ZY/UT Dallas; Cathy Burkel (mother); and Catherine Burkel, ΔO/Alabama, attended a mother-daughter tea held by the Plano Alumnae Chapter



**Portland** The 2006 Souper Supper drew a number of Portland Thetas to enjoy fine food and fellowship.

location for lunch. In May 2006, they toured China Town and enjoyed authentic Chinese cuisine. Halloween found the ladies gathered in front of the 90-year-old Giant Bird of Paradise at the Lanterman House before touring the 1915 reinforced concrete Arts and Crafts home museum. Their docent, a member of the chapter, served lunch at her home in La Cañada following the tour.

## PENSACOLA

To celebrate Christmas, members of the Pensacola Alumnae Chapter gathered for a cookie exchange.

## PHOENIX

There are many positives to living in Arizona, and one of them is the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter. At the beginning of December, we met at the Delta Epsilon Chapter at Arizona State to stuff holiday stockings for the local CASA chapter. The college Thetas had collected an unbelievable number of toys for the stockings: we stuffed approximately 200 stockings and there were still many, many toys remaining. (One of the joys of stocking-stuffing is finding that toy that you used to have as a child and remembering the joy it brought you.) Normally we deliver the stockings to CASA, but this year—due to the overwhelming number of stockings—CASA picked them up and distributed them out at their holiday party. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season.

## PLANO

The Plano Alumnae Chapter had a successful start to our 2006-2007 year. Our annual mother-daughter holiday tea is held in December each year. We support annual charity drives and the local CASA chapter through our donations at each chapter meeting, allowing our alumnae an opportunity to give back to our local community. We are blessed to have a fantastic group of women in our chapter and a dedicated bunch serving on the board.

## PORTLAND

The Portland Alumnae Chapter is special for the number of longstanding traditions we uphold, including our annual events. Our summer picnic and fall Souper Supper events have been happening every year for at least 30 years – and Founders Day for even longer! These gatherings provide us with the opportunity to catch up with Theta friends we may only see once a year. Thetas of all ages attend. Conversations range from the latest on the grandkids to tips on getting that first job after college. Gathering at a Theta's home provides a cozy atmosphere and the chance to see beautiful gardens or other home décor that a Theta is delighted to share with her friends. Every January, Portland Thetas gather for Founders Day and practice the rituals that bring back fond memories from college. Listening to 50 or more women sing "Theta Grace," not all at the same tempo, always brings smiles. Here's to many more years of Portland events to share with our sisters.

## RICHMOND

The Richmond Alumnae Chapter has had an amazingly busy and successful first year! We have been working very





hard to establish positive connections with the college chapters in the Richmond area, the University of Richmond and Randolph-Macon College. All of the women serving on the Epsilon Omicron advisory board are members of the alumnae chapter, and many women from the Epsilon Psi advisory board are alumnae chapter members as well. We hosted a senior tea and service for the graduating women of Randolph-Macon and the University of Richmond and delivered exam study baskets filled with baked goods during finals.

We held our first fund-raising event, a bowl-a-thon, in June. All proceeds were donated to the Chesterfield CASA and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. We hope to make this an annual event.

"Club 15" is our latest and greatest idea. Each month an event or a business meeting is held on the 15th of each month. This way, there is no confusion about which date activities take place. The December Club 15 was a family potluck that brought sisters and their families together to share in the spirit of the season!

The Richmond Theta Alumnae Chapter has begun to take roots in the community of Richmond and is uniting both alumnae and college sisters.

## ROCKFORD

Rockford Alumnae Chapter celebrated 50 years in Kappa Alpha Theta in November. In preparing for our "birthday party," I had the opportunity to look in our archives and to read through old minutes. Although the chapter was installed in 1956, Thetas began meeting in Rockford in 1916. The first recorded minutes were dated September 1938. As I looked over past records, I found that dues were 50 cents; a telegram was sent to an ill member from a concerned sister; supper was served to 200 soldiers at the Salvation Army USO Club; members were busy raising money so that they could give it away both locally and to the Friendship Fund and

**Wichita** For the third year, members of the Wichita Alumnae Chapter sold mums to raise money for Theta college chapters in Kansas and for local philanthropies. Thetas picked up their mums at the annual Fall Salad Supper. This year more than \$1,300 was raised! Janet Robinson, ΔH/Kansas State; Sue Dondlinger, ΔH/Kansas State; Mary Lynn Walker, AY/Washburn; and Sally Rogers, K/Kansas, posed with the plants.

Foundation; a unanimous vote and letter of approval was sent to Grand Council concerning the establishment of the Gamma Lambda Chapter at Beloit (new stationery was purchased for this special letter); Founders Day programs and initiations were attended; a president's pin was procured from Alpha Chapter; summer recruitment parties were held for high school girls; and educational programs were held with subjects ranging from flower arranging to personal safety. And the fund-raisers! Selling perfume and silver polish, Christmas bazaars, soup luncheons, magazine sales, and everyone's favorite—a monetary donation.

As I was swept up in the "busyness" of all those years, one theme ran through: the caring friendships that were then and are now made and maintained. Thetas in Rockford, no matter how active or inactive they are, or how young or old they are, have, throughout the years, been eagerly accepted into the chapter's activities. Although I suspect that this is not something unique to our chapter, it certainly is what keeps our members involved and interested in maintaining ties to Theta.

## SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Our chapter has enjoyed much improved participation, an increase in our dues-paying members, and a well-developed connection with our younger members.

As many alumnae chapters are, we have been faced with declining membership and lower attendance at events. As we all know, women now balance a great many roles and often aren't able to commit to the frequent bridge clubs and Panhellenic events of the past. Annually, our chapter supported Panhellenic events, hosted a holiday party and book drive





**Sacramento** Scheduled monthly dinners have helped the members of the Sacramento Alumnae Chapter improve programming and increase participation.



**Seattle** The Seattle Alumnae Chapter places great importance on continuing interaction with local college chapters.



**St Louis** "Dining with your Decade," conceived by Irene Cariffe Travis, AI/Washington-St. Louis; and Lynn Travis Kavanaugh, AM/Missouri, is a very popular St. Louis Alumnae Chapter event.



for the children in CASA, celebrated Founders Day with Zeta Nu at UC Davis and held a dessert party for their graduating seniors. Faced with the challenge of how to reinvigorate our chapter, we started a new tradition two years ago—monthly dinners.

From the monthly conversations around the dinner table, our chapter has evolved and involvement has grown because members started sharing ideas. Members coordinate participation in local charity events; members meet at local happy hours and coordinate road trips together; and we instituted an annual "New Member Welcome" party to encourage Thetas not otherwise connected to come forward for their first event. I admit we did have one dinner early on with just two people. But who doesn't know of a great new restaurant they would like to try with a couple of friends?

When faced with waning participation, it seems counterintuitive to hold more events, but active chapters will encourage active membership. With the start of this simple tradition of coming together around the dinner table at local restaurants, our membership increased naturally, one month at a time.

## SAN ANTONIO

The San Antonio Chapter initiated a new service project for our local CASA chapter. We set up a meeting with the local executive director and the chairman of the board and asked what would be the biggest impact Theta could make. They explained that nearly 1,000 children each year in San Antonio are transferred to an average of three homes. Most of the children carry all their belongings in a trash bag. CASA requested that we donate backpacks or small duffel bags for the children.

Our alumnae teamed up with a local promotional marketing company, The Prestigious Mark. (One of their sales executives is a Theta.) Their firm underwrote our project, which we hope to be an annual service project. We were able to donate three times our original estimate! The November 2006 issue of the local CASA magazine featured an article about our donation.

## SAN DIEGO

The San Diego Alumnae Chapter is blessed by great relations with the three Theta college chapters in our city. San Diego State University, UC San Diego, and the University of San Diego each have strong Theta chapters full of smart, friendly, and sophisticated women, and we alumnae are very proud to support them. By staying involved with our college members we can help the women foster a lifelong commitment to Theta.

Gamma Sigma (SDSU), founded in 1951, is the only Theta chapter in San Diego with a facility. The alumnae chapter hosts a Senior Service at the facility every spring for graduating members from all three chapters. Because Gamma

**Topeka** Kim Rutledge Gannon, AY/Washburn, president of the San Luis Obispo/Central Coast Alumnae Chapter; Erika Weniger Old, AY/Washburn, Topeka Alumnae Chapter delegate; and Lindsey Brown, Alpha Upsilon Chapter president, posed prior to the Parade of Flags at the Grand Convention Final Banquet.



Sigma is so generous with their home, members of our alumnae chapter recently had a work party to assist with much-needed renovation at the 40+ year old house. We rolled up our sleeves, did some manual labor and went home with paint on our shirts.

When Zeta Rho (UCSD) was recently short-staffed behind the scenes during recruitment, the alumnae chapter happily pitched in. We sent a handful of ladies to serve sodas, deal with paperwork, and provide moral support to the college members. There were some very late nights involved, but with the aid of coffee we hung in there and supported our younger Theta sisters. Zeta Rho did very well during recruitment and was so appreciative of the help we 'old Thetas' provided.

Eta Iota (USD), the youngest of San Diego's Theta chapters, enjoys strong support from their advisory board, including one advisor who has been with them from the very beginning. Another advisor hosted the chapter for a poolside sisterhood event. She may be asked to repeat the favor year after year!

By strengthening our college chapters, the San Diego Alumnae Chapter helps ensure a strong future for Theta and embody the motto Theta for a Lifetime!

## SEATTLE

Building on last year's success, the women of the Seattle Alumnae Chapter continue to increase our involvement with local college chapters. We truly enjoy the special relationship we share with the collegians at the Alpha Lambda/Washington and Delta Iota/Puget Sound Chapters. We look forward to various programs we have planned with collegians, and are especially pleased to have them play a strong role in our Founders Day celebration. Since making college relations a priority, the Seattle Alumnae Chapter has enjoyed the benefits of increased numbers of young alumnae in our general membership, as well as on our executive board.

Whether playing the role of potential new members during mock recruitment, or making goody bags for new initiates, members of the Seattle Alumnae Chapter take every opportu-

nity to remind collegians that Theta really is for a lifetime. By bridging the gap between alumna and collegian, we hope to inspire our young Thetas to be active Thetas for life.

## SLO/CENTRAL COAST

With more than 10 programs planned for the year, the San Luis Obispo/Central Coast Alumnae Chapter is running at full speed. Thanks to the dedication of a key group of volunteers, Theta alumnae living on the Central Coast have been treated to a host of opportunities for friendship and fun. We kicked off the year with a festive fall BBQ. In October, the members of the Zeta Theta Chapter at Cal Polytechnic State treated the alumnae to a day of games, including Bingo and Pictionary, and we had an adventurous group take part in a cooking class held in the beautiful Morro Bay harbor (aboard a boat no less). November kicked off our holiday shopping with a brunch featuring fashion and jewelry, and the chapter even netted a small profit from the sales.

## SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY

The South Orange County Alumnae Chapter has been in existence for 35 years. We have gone through babies, deaths, marriages, divorces, kids off to college, and kids off to war. Several of our current members have been with us for the entire 35 years, and a few have moved away, been members of other groups, and have come back to rejoin our group. Some of our members are not even 35 years old!

We have fund-raisers and work together, and when one of us needs help, the others are here for her and her family. None of this makes us special or different from any other Theta alumnae group, but this is what makes Theta alumnae groups special. We are members because it gives us a wonderful group of women who can be friends and mentors. We are members because we seek to make a connection in a new town. We are members because our pledge sisters joined, and we have remade a connection from college days. We are members because, in spite of the hectic nature of today's world, we realize that people,

good people who made the decision to become Thetas, can enrich our lives in a unique ways. We are here for all who chose to become Thetas and for all whom Theta chose, and we will continue to be here for Thetas of the future. Special and unique? Of course! We are Theta!

## ST. LOUIS

For the last several years, the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter has hosted a wonderful event called "Dining With Your Decade." The idea was conceived by a Theta mom and daughter and involves separate decades meet at several houses for dinner and then congregating at one large home for dessert. This year a wonderful time was had by all, and it was another opportunity for us to experience that Theta is truly for a lifetime!

## ST. PAUL

The St. Paul Alumnae Chapter has a lot of history in St Paul, Minn. During the spring, there

is a plant fundraiser; we sell all sorts of beautiful plants, flats, and flowers from a local garden center. Of course, pansies are the most popular. We also have a book club that meets monthly as well as a summer BBQ, quarterly girl's night out and a holiday party at the Upsilon Chapter facility on the

Minnesota campus. We also do a winter fund-raiser selling poinsettias and an array of boxed nuts. We end the fiscal year with our annual celebration of Founders Day with the Upsilon Chapter and Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter. It is a great way to celebrate the founding day as well as spend some time bonding with our sisters.

## TAMPA BAY

In May 2006, members of the Tampa Bay Chapter held a unique



**St. Paul** As a fundraiser, the St. Paul Alumnae Chapter organizes a spring sale of plants from a local nursery.



**Williamsburg** Members of the Williamsburg Alumnae Chapter gathered at the home of Jane and Jim Kaplan for their annual Yuletide Brunch. Donations of food and toys were brought for a family supported by Colonial CASA.



**Westchester** Back row: Margaret Blum, BIT/Michigan State; Patty Vaughn, Λ/Vermont; Mary Dell Berning, AΘ/Texas; Sandy Pederzini, Λ/Vermont; Diana Jaeger, ΔK/LSU; Lisa Nussbaum, Y/Minnesota; Pami Hadden, IT/Rollins; middle row: Derry Martabano, X/Syracuse; Debi Rosenberg, ΔΨ/UC Riverside; Stephanie Filardi, AΦ/Tulane; Joan Cresap, EΠ/Bucknell; Jennifer Parent Coleman, ΔE/Arizona State; Patricia Turken, EΘ/Stetson; Sue Edwards, AT/Ohio State; front row: Dru Chapman, BΣ/SMU; Lisa Olney, ΔE/Arizona State; Sue Wahrhaftig, BIT/Michigan State attended the first Westchester holiday brunch.

fund-raiser/tea featuring Elaine Viets, a national best-selling author of a number of mysteries and also a Theta! We were able to purchase the books and Viets graciously signed every one of them. The Clearwater Alumnae Chapter joined us as we listened to her speak of how she prepares to write a book. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

## TUCSON

One of the most enjoyable events of the Tucson Alumnae Chapter annual calendar comes early each December with an ornament exchange brunch. This activity is held at one member's home. Other volunteers bring "brunch" food and desserts. Everyone brings a wrapped tree ornament or decoration to exchange. After the food is consumed, each person takes a number and takes her turn accordingly. Then the fun begins! Each person takes her turn choosing a package from under the tree or "stealing" someone else's package. Usually there are two or three ornaments that take everyone's fancy, and they are much sought after as they pass from person to person. Much joking and hilarity ensues. This activity bonds Tucson Thetas in joyous fellowship and gets the holiday season off to a wonderful start.

## WACO

The annual book review fund-raiser was held in September on the Baylor University campus. Bob Anne Senter, Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor, reviewed *Big Russ and Me*, by Tim Russert. Refreshments were provided by alumnae, and chapter members also donated items for several door prizes, such as theater tickets, free massage, and gift certificates. A grand prize raffle drawing for a "Spa Your Way" gift certificate raised \$125.

This year's book review raised approximately \$1,134 for our national and local philanthropies. And a good time was had by all who attended.

## WESTCHESTER

We kicked off our new Westchester Chapter with our first Westchester holiday brunch in December. It was held at the Wykagyl Country Club and included a toy drive for the Abbott House in Irvington, NY, a home for 60 boys, ages 5-15, who have been displaced from their families due to abusive or welfare situations. We delivered 76 new toys, along with 60 goody bags, for the boys to open at Christmas. And we marked the granting of our alumnae chapter charter on December 13. ♦



## Looking for your local alumnae chapter?

See page 34 for information on finding your local chapter or starting a chapter in your area.

*"If you remember Theta, she'll always remember you!"*



# NPC 2006 INTERIM SESSION

By Carole Bickering Keilly,  
Alpha Sigma Tau Third Alternate Delegate

With the theme *NPC: Helping Women Grow, Give, Lead and Succeed*, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) held its Interim Session October 20-21, 2006, at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott.

The purpose of the Interim Session is to provide time for the board of directors, committee chairmen, and committees to meet and to conduct business that comes before the conference.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

This meeting was also structured to allow time to work on the NPC strategic plan, adopted at the 2005 Biennial Session. All aspects of NPC are being reviewed to be certain the needs of its member groups are being met as reflected in NPC's mission and vision statements. Strategic plan task forces have been working throughout the year on specific objectives of the plan. During the Interim Meeting, delegation members held numerous discussions on NPC's long-range plan and strategies for accomplishing the objectives. A town hall-type meeting also provided an opportunity for delegations to discuss extension, recruitment and NPC's long-range goals.

## RELEASE FIGURE METHODOLOGY

Release figure methodology (RFM) was another major discussion topic. This method for calculating release figures (now known as carry figures) is used during formal recruitment. After several years of research, an NPC committee developed a formula designed to maximize the number of chapters achieving quota, as well as placing the maximum number of potential new members (PNMs) through bid matching. This RFM is designed to provide more realistic expectations to PNMs going through recruitment, to assist all NPC groups on a campus in meeting quota, and to maximize the percentage of PNMs who begin new-member programs. The RFM is being used on more than 285 campuses now, with more being added every year.

## "SOMETHING OF VALUE"

NPC's *Something of Value* program has entered its second decade and will be presented on fifteen campuses during the 2006-2007 academic year. The program is designed to help collegians review their values and determine if their actions reflect those values. *Something of Value* has been presented on well over 100 campuses, reaching more than 10,000 women. The program is funded by the NPC Foundation through an endowment established by Alpha Omicron Pi and Kappa Delta as well as through the generous contributions of Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and other individuals and groups.

## RESOLUTIONS

NPC adopted four resolutions during the Interim Session. Three resolutions address internal NPC operations. Unanimous Agreement VII, Section 4A (Judicial Process) was amended. The resolution was distributed to Alumnae and College Panhellenics in November.

## HONORS AND TRIBUTES

Barbara Laederach, Delta Gamma, was recognized for her 34 years of service to NPC with a certificate of appreciation. Kappa Delta Sorority also presented Barbara with the Kappa Delta Order of the Diamond, an honor given to members of the fraternity/sorority world who have contributed to the betterment and furtherance of the Greek experience for everyone.

Kathryn Goddard, Alpha Delta Pi international president, presented a tribute to Margaret Anne Bundy, past international president of Alpha Delta Pi and a long-time member of its delegation.

## NEW PANHELLENICS

NPC recognized two new College Panhellenics: Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, and Lycoming College, Williamsport, Penn., and two



Theta officers, alumnae, and staff members joined the Fraternity's NPC delegation at the 2006 interim meeting.

new Alumnae Panhellenics: Lamar County and Tyler Area, both in Texas.

## COLLEGE HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

It was reported that more than 250 sorority and fraternity alumni and collegians attended Capitol Hill Days to support the College Housing Infrastructure Act. This act will change the tax code to allow sorority and fraternity house corporations to make life-safety upgrades with tax-deductible dollars.

## NPC FACTS AND FIGURES

- 3,855,350 initiated alumnae and collegiate members
- 82,439 newly initiated members
- 2,922 undergraduate chapters on over
- 600 campuses
- 4,560 alumnae chapters
- 209 Alumnae Panhellenics

NPC draws on the expertise and experience of its members to further the goals of the conference. These dedicated women are committed to assisting collegiate and alumnae members achieve the highest ideals of fraternity membership. For more information about NPC, go to [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org), choose Alumnae or Collegians, and then click the NPC link on the left-hand side of the page. ♦

# In Her Own Words

## Q&A With a Theta of Note

*Last June, Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, ITT/Tulsa, was elected to her second term as Fraternity president. She previously served in a variety of Theta offices and had a 27-year career in interior design.*



### Q What is the accomplishment of which you are most proud?

A My family and marriage. Twenty-three years ago, my husband, Ron, and I blended our family of two children each. The four children, now all adults, are close in age to each other, so the blending was a long, trying process. Each has shared with Ron and me their desire to have a marriage like ours. Since (obviously!) each went through the divorce process with Ron and me, respectively, I am so thankful—and proud—that we have the kind of marriage they wish to emulate.

My children include my oldest son,

Allen; he is married to Jodi and they have my three-year-old granddaughter, Ronnie. Next is my daughter, Katy, who is married to Chance and has my two grandsons, Connor, 4, and Cayden, 2. Then there is Ron's daughter, Natalie, who is in New York City with Jon, the youngest son.

### Q What is your motto?

A I've been told whenever any difficulty arises, I remind myself—and anyone who will listen—that "this too shall pass."

### Q What is the value of volunteering?

A Most volunteers will tell you they get more out of the volunteer experience than they put into it, and I'm no exception. I have always believed that as long as I am passionate about what I am doing and I am making a difference, then I need to continue. So, selfishly, the value of volunteering is that it makes my day when I can make a difference in someone else's.

### Q What is your favorite word?

A Love. Isn't that what makes life so worthwhile?

### Q What are your least favorite words?

A I can't.

### Q What was your childhood ambition?

A My dream was to be able to sing and dance. I wanted to be Ann-Margret, even before I knew she is a Theta! However, the talent wasn't there. I also wanted to be a great teacher but, while student teaching in college, I learned quickly that I didn't like teaching at all!

### Q Who are your real-life heroes?

A My parents. My father fought in World War II. As a child, his stories fascinated me, but as an adult I came to realize how blessed he was to still be with us. My mom raised three children while Daddy traveled during the week. After having my own children, I realized the hardships she went through from not having a spouse around on a daily basis.

### Q Who are your favorite writers?

A I love reading! I usually have more than one book going at a time. Some of my favorite authors are John Grisham, Janet Evanovitch, and David Baldacci. A friend introduced me to Ann B. Ross, and I enjoy her books. Garrison Keillor always makes me laugh. I love devotionals by Joni Eareckson Tada, and I enjoy Max Lucado.

### Q What do you value in your friends?

A Laughter! And honesty—being willing to tell me what they really think! The ability to listen.

I have a Tuesday night dinner group of friends; we have met every week for dinner since 1995. I know if I can't share something with them, I'm in big trouble—it's really bad! I also still attend reunions with my Theta pledge sisters. We all know that it is a safe, secure environment where, regardless of what it is, we will be loved unconditionally and not judged. So I guess you could say I also value sisterhood!

### Q If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

A My health. Eleven years ago I was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Living with and battling the crippling effects of the disease is a real pain—literally! The age-old saying, "If you have your health, you have everything," is realized when your health is compromised. I never truly believed that saying until I had to begin living without good health.

### Q What is your favorite Theta memory?

A There are so many! Of course, initiation is an obvious one! I can vividly remember my very first favorite memory: it was during "rush," and I was enjoying my conversation with Judy Goodell, who became my Big Sis, and Claudia Hansen. I was laughing so much, and a light bulb just went off in my head—that was where I really wanted to be! Those two ladies, along with many others, kept me laughing throughout my college days. There are many more memories, in my college years and throughout my alumnae years. Being part of the service when my daughter Katy was initiated is an incredible memory. Meeting women from other chapters who are now some of my closest friends ... I could literally write a whole article about favorite memories! ♦



# Fraternity Salutes 75-Year Thetas

## A/DEPAUW

Jeanne Smith Morehouse  
Mary Orem Nolan

## B/INDIANA

Elizabeth Wenger Dick  
Martha Stephenson Graham  
Patricia Crimmins Kaier  
Jane Beeson Keller  
Marjorie Wills Watson  
Mildred Neuhauser  
Weilemann

## Γ/BUTLER

Martha Scott Baum  
Ruth Buehler Bennett  
Gretty Sielken Charpie  
Eugenia Miley Fosnot  
Charlene E. Heard  
Winifred Loudon Moyer  
Barbara Baumgartner  
Murphy  
Josephine Meloy Piel  
Helen Clever Shumaker  
Mary Renick Stewart

## Δ/ILLINOIS

Alice Kircher Carlton  
Ruth Pownall Casey  
Jean Koehler Gossick  
Ellenor Hall Simpson

## H/MICHIGAN

Laura Kempf Passow

## I/CORNELL

Virginia Yoder Briggs  
Charlotte Mangan Lattimer  
Elizabeth Williams Stavelly

## K/KANSAS

Mary Garver Gaines  
Mary Hartnett Hazen  
Margaret McNown Shilts

## A/VERMONT

Beatrice Lindsay Clarke

## ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Frances Coultrap  
Donna Hornby Wheadon

## M/ALLEGHENY

Betty Blake Cameron

## O/USC

Betty Philp Dietrich  
Vivian E. Stephens

## P/NEBRASKA

Dorothy Kunz Adams  
Elizabeth Struble Andersen  
Leah Carlsen Shotwell

## Σ/TORONTO

Rosemary Martin Marbel

## T/NORTHWESTERN

Janet Badgley Cotton  
Elizabeth Osler Emery  
Elizabeth Fouch Liveright

## Φ/STANFORD

Catherine Clift Peck

## X/SYRACUSE

Elizabeth Gere Russell

## Ψ/WISCONSIN

Natalie Rahr Duback  
Frances Stiles Lamont  
Harriet Mitchell Little  
Janis Baldwin Meyer

## Ω/UC-BERKELEY

Virginia Phelps Meux

## AB/SWARTHMORE

Sue Thomas Turner

## ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Margaret Wilson Borel

## ΑΔ/GOUCHER

Leafie Wilbur Freda  
Elizabeth Foster Pilotte  
Mary Bruce Mackall Prince

## ΑΗ/VANDERBILT

Adelaide Shull Davis

## ΑΘ/UT AUSTIN

Helen Cline Barton  
Mary Bowles Couper

## ΑΙ/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Helen Davis Reinhart  
Margaret Ray Reynolds  
Elizabeth Greenland Shaver

## ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Elizabeth Foltz Bell  
Ruth Nieding Edwards  
Eleanor Mitchell Fortin  
Mary Margaret Quigley  
McGoldrick

## ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Shirley Brown Clark

## ΑΝ/MONTANA

Marian Callahan Anderson  
Sara Cooney Simons

## ΑΞ/OREGON

Helen Templeton Cadwell  
Eleanore Barker Cummings

## ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA

Marjorie Meeker Bateman  
Margaret Duvall Bonham  
Ruth McClung Henritze  
Louise Johnson Jacobus

## ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA

Ethel Aarestad Beadell  
Charlene Nelson Johnson  
Susan Bonebrake Kaufman

## ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA

Wanda McLaughlin Pascuzzi

## ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

Jeannette Brooks Bates  
June Gay Forsyth  
Shirley Fisher Ireland  
Elizabeth Lombard Merrin  
Jeanne Kulzer Pearson  
Eulalie Blair Proctor

## ΑΤ/CINCINNATI

Frances Jones Poetker

## ΑΥ/WASHBURN

Virginia Fink Reamon

## ΑΦ/TULANE

Elizabeth Rivers Stayton  
Constance Meyer Way

## ΑΧ/PURDUE

Virginia Hendrick Biebel

## ΑΨ/LAWRENCE

Ann Russell Hanson  
Betty Bradley Huey  
Dorothy Jahn Quinn

## ΑΩ/PITTSBURGH

Vivian Francis Gaddess  
Helen Hoeveler McMunn  
Martha Schleid Thumm

## ΒΒ/RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Mary Carr Ault

## ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE

Marianne Smith Culbertson

## ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Ingrid Christianson Baldwin  
Gene Stiles Crofoot  
Dorothy Stauffer Fahlen  
Elizabeth McGrath Krucker  
Shirley Jones Patten  
Evaline Jones Shamblin

## ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Mariella Peyton Anderson  
Lee Rutherford Hearn

## ΒΗ/PENNSYLVANIA

Elizabeth Townsend

## ΒΘ/IDAHO

Betty Bandelin Black

## ΒΙ/COLORADO

Margaret Bruderlin  
Catharine McClure  
Wakefield  
Frankie Ransberger Winner

## ΒΚ/DRAKE

Donna Belle Merkel Holman  
Betty Harter Housh  
Eleanor Rider Justice  
Leonna F Myers  
Dorothy Farr Orwig  
Josephine Erzinger Sheward  
Maxine Leonard Smith

## ΒΛ/WILLIAM & MARY

Gibson Littlepage Allen  
Helen Perkins Biddle

## ΒΜ/NEVADA

Theresa Jauregui Comish  
Marie Richards Duels  
Helene Per Lee Montgomery  
Betty Howell Woodburn

## ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

Angela Anderson Criswell  
Virginia Baxley Whiddon

## ΒΞ/UCLA

Merril Hunter Park  
Jean Armstrong Pettigrew

## ΒΟ/IOWA

Helen Hunt Breeding  
Frances Teeters Elderkin  
Analou Ferguson Graham  
Elizabeth Taylor Moravec  
Esther Idema Starr

## ΒΡ/DUKE

Alma Hedrick Brady  
Pauline MacFadyen Finch  
Kathryn Sherrill Harris  
Ladonia Thomas Miller  
Gretchen Zimmerman Speer  
Sarah Thompson Wall

## ΒΣ/SMU

Catharine Mullin Miller  
Lucy Lufan Watson

## ΒΤ/DENISON

Hazel Phillips Butterfield  
Marjorie Lohr Hall  
Helen Conley Tiedeman

## ΒΥ/BRITISH COLUMBIA

Margaret Little Stirling

## ΒΦ/PENN STATE

Helen Taylor Austen  
Edythe Rutter Cardon  
Janet Bowser Hughes  
Anne Thorne Walter  
Gweneldine Rapp Wilson  
Helene Culp Ziegler

## ΒΧ/ALBERTA

Marion Clarke Armstrong  
Ina Nesbitt Begg  
Bessie Brander Lambert

## ΒΨ/MCGILL

Gwendolyn Hall Symington

## ΒΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE

Delma Wright Dutton  
Edwina Creighton Forde  
Mary Southard Gillespie  
Martha Kelly McClintock  
Lucille Swartz Paterson  
Marifrances Vollmer  
Mary Clark Watson  
Eve Lamar Wickam

## THE YEAR WAS 1932.

Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

The cost of a first-class stamp rose from two cents to three cents.

Helen Hull Jacobs, Ω/UC Berkeley, won the women's singles title at the US Open Tennis Championships.

Duke Ellington composed "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing," ushering in the Swing Era.

Physicists Sir John Douglas Cockcroft and Ernest Walton split the atom for the first time.

Dian Fossey, ΓΞ/San Jose State, the first female primatologist, and Nancy Landen Kassebaum Baker, K/Kansas, the first woman elected in her own right to the US Senate, were born.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was founded.

*Little House in the Big Woods*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, was published.

And Kappa Alpha Theta initiated 991 new members, among them these women, who officially celebrated 75 years in the Fraternity on Founders Day.

# IT'S A CHARMED LIFE: THETA FOR A LIFETIME

"THE WORLD IS SO FULL OF A NUMBER OF THINGS, I'M SURE WE SHOULD ALL BE AS HAPPY AS KINGS [OR QUEENS]." —*Robert Louis Stevenson*

by Mary Edith Estes Arnold, AM/Missouri, Fraternity Archivist

Charm bracelets depict a powerful force – memory. Charms have been worn by Thetas as jewelry since the Victorian era at the turn of the last century. By that time, charms had evolved from their ancient origins as amulets to ward off evil spirits and bring luck to the wearer to the decorative and sentimental treasures we recognize today. Charms were one of Queen Victoria's passions, and – following her lead – women began wearing pendants on pocket-watch chains, necklaces, brooches and multiple bracelets.

It was during the post-World War II years that charms and charm bracelets were in their heyday, worn by movie stars and schoolgirls alike. Women treasured their bracelets – often begun by family members – and new charms were cherished gifts. Later in the twentieth century, however, charm bracelets languished in jewelry boxes and faded from view, out of favor during the rising

women's movement. Bold bangles and cuffs, then slim gold chains, became fashion's preference.

But fashion continually evolves. A full century after first becoming popular, charm bracelets are once again being assembled to tell individual stories. New forms are in the mix, including beaded and modular style bracelets. Older bracelets are seeing the light of day, and collectors are tracking down vintage pieces from the 1950s and '60s.

The Fraternity's historical collections – which grow through the generosity of members and their families – include examples of unique charms worn by Theta women throughout our many decades. First treasured by their owners and then passed on for all to enjoy, they represent memories of school days, friendships, achievements, honors and loves.

These mementos richly tell the tale that, yes, Theta is for a Lifetime – and beyond. ♦



Mary Edith Estes Arnold's charm bracelet represents a lifetime of Theta involvement.



## Alabama

Gillian Orloff Dougherty (Mrs. Ben)  
1993; September 2006

## Allegheny

Marian McKee Cares (Mrs. Charles)  
1945; September 2006

## Arizona

Elise Barry Diesel (Mrs. Louis)  
1936; October 2006  
Royanna Lebrecht Moore (Mrs. Walter)  
1962; October 2006

## Baylor

Sydney Billingsley Fredrickson (Mrs.  
Richard L.)  
1978; December 2006

## Butler

Anne Byrne Rust (Mrs. James)  
1948; November 2006

## Colorado

Elizabeth Fries  
1982; May 2005  
Nancy Perrine Hull (Mrs. Fred)  
1957; December 2006

## Colorado State

Betty Portner  
1932; December 2006

## Connecticut

Carlee A. Wines  
2006; January 2007

## Cornell

Winifred Joyce Bennett (Mrs. Hunter)  
1955; October 2006

## Denison

Virginia Reynolds Caswall (Mrs. Edward)  
1943; December 2006  
Carolyn Wolf Jelliffe (Mrs. Chas. Gordon)  
1936; October 2006

## DePauw

Laura Kratz de Castro (Mrs. Lucho)  
1984; October 2006  
Betty Gridley Ray (Mrs. Gordon)  
1938; December 2006  
Barbara Sibbitt Robertson (Mrs. Watson)  
1944; October 2006

## Drake

Nancy Johnson Fischer (Mrs. R. J.)  
1950; August 2006

## Duke

Mary Lowndes Robbins (Mrs. R. James)  
1954; October 2006

## Eastern Kentucky

Jonda S. Blevins  
1983; September 2006  
Cynthia Covington Staggs (Mrs. Larry)  
1980; December 2006  
Karel Wurtzbacher  
1975; November 2006

## Emory

Patricia Hardman  
1959; August 2006

## Florida State

Helen Donn Flipse (Mrs. Fred)  
1935; October 2006  
Joy Cobb Maurer (Mrs. John)  
1948; November 2006  
Addie Martin Owens (Mrs. John)  
1929; December 2006

## Georgia

Julie Gay Wyant (Mrs. Dom)  
1952; December 2006

## Goucher

Marjorie Bennett Lamson  
1926; March 2006

## Idaho

Mary Ellen Ripley Durant (Mrs. Xavier E.)  
1940; December 2006

Claire Strawn Floan (Mrs. Michael)  
1957; September 2006

Gwen Weeks Gregg (Mrs. L. Gene)  
1952; September 2006

## Illinois

Beverlie Briggs Maynard (Mrs. James F.)  
1937; December 2006

## Indiana

Barbara Nell Schlafer Scott (Mrs. Frank)  
1931; June 2006

Bonnie Blakely Sperry (Mrs. Phillip)  
1960; December 2006

Margaret Berry Thurston (Mrs. George)  
1938; October 2006

## Iowa

Lois Moeser Bungener (Mrs. Karl)  
1932; September 2006

## John Carroll

Lyndsey Whittingham  
2004; October 2006

## Kansas

Mary Warner Kline (Mrs. Clayton)  
1948; September 2006

Jean Russell Robinson (Mrs. E. L.)  
1934; September 2006

Edith Parker Scott (Mrs. Byron)  
1930; September 2006

Nancy Vanbebber Wagstaff (Mrs. Chas. G.)  
1947; November 2006

Mary McAnaw Welsh  
1941; September 2006

## Kentucky

Elizabeth Gragg Yates (Mrs. Lawrence)  
1957; May 2006

## Lawrence

Kathryn Murray Toms (Mrs. Charles)  
1943; January 2007

## Maryland

Sally Wulf Anderson (Mrs. Norman)  
1953; June 2006

Joan Morrison Barry (Mrs. Gordon)  
1947; April 2006

Helen Dedicott Moore (Mrs. Bobby)  
1950; August 2006

## McGill

Mary MacKenzie Challis (Mrs. Thomas)  
1947; March 2006

## Michigan

Mary Louise Finney  
1939; July 2006

## Michigan State

Barbara Byer Aussem  
1965; August 2006

Jane Allen Cimral (Mrs. Francis)  
1935; July 2006

Elizabeth Hunt Haugh (Mrs. Melvin)  
1931; March 2006

Evelyn Hardy Lawford (Mrs. Harry)  
1929; December 2006

## Minnesota

Audrey Saxton Guyer (Mrs. William)  
1930; July 2006

Ruth Amundson Manley (Mrs. Frank)  
1936; September 2006

## Missouri

Ellen Pardon Jones  
1960; September 2006  
Dorothea Jacobs Roach (Mrs. Emmett)  
1936; August 2006

Elizabeth Toomey Seabrook (Mrs. John)  
1943; August 2005

Frances Pittam Shears (Mrs. Robert)  
1940; October 2006

## MIT

May Zhou  
2001; January 2007

## Montana

Mary Templeton Haight (Mrs. Charles)  
1939; September 2006

Polly Gilham Huser (Mrs. Stanley)  
1937; July 2006

## Nebraska

Diane Pohlman Neary (Mrs. Terry)  
1976; February 2005

Donna Ruddock Sleight (Mrs. Eldon)  
1949; January 2007

## Nevada

Anne Gibbs Berlin (Mrs. John)  
1935; April 2006

Betty McCulloch Jackson (Mrs. David)  
1934; December 2006

## North Dakota St

Mary Kraemer Kingston (Mrs. Clayton T.)  
1947; November 2006

## Northwestern

Mariette McGrew Budinger (Mrs. William)  
1932; July 2005

Marjorie Cooper Carrico (Mrs. William)  
1931; November 2006

Joanne Pennington Talbot (Mrs. Cyril, Jr.)  
1952; August 2006

## Ohio State

Cynthia Haubrich Berry (Mrs. Lowell)  
1968; October 2006

Judith Mazzoil Michael (Mrs. Robert D.)  
1955; October 2006

## Ohio Wesleyan

Gretchen Beattie Swartwout (Mrs. Charles)  
1946; October 2006

## Oklahoma

Patricia Davis Cochran (Mrs. Ronald)  
1951; January 2007

Jerry Cavett Lee (Mrs. Stanley)  
1943; December 2006

Mary Locke Stanton (Mrs. Robert)  
1936; November 2006

## Oklahoma State

Rita Brandenburg Cmiel (Mrs. John)  
1944; December 2006

## Oregon

Carolyn Chapman Pond (Mrs. Baxter)  
1941; September 2006

## Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Schaff Richardson (Mrs. Elliott)  
1942; April 2006

## Purdue

Marion Swanstrom Holden  
1943; August 2006

Margaret Stocker Stallings (Mrs. Ward)  
1938; February 2007

Emily Houghton Witter (Mrs. James)  
1953; November 2006

## RandolphMacon

Anne Van Buren Beddingfield (Mrs. Robt.)  
1946; September 2006

## Rollins

Gloria Burns Motch (Mrs. Edwin)  
1951; September 2006

Anne Shutt  
1979; December 2006

## San Jose State

Janet Trittschuh DalBello (Mrs. Paul Guido)  
1950; September 2006

## SMU

Virginia Steele Daniels  
1929; September 2006  
Anne Gasow Edmondson (Mrs. Charles)  
1948; August 2006

Janet McFaddin Gilliam (Mrs. Robert)  
1956; September 2006

Josephine Love Sears (Mrs. John T.)  
1933; June 2006

## South Dakota

Ruth Waggoner Kennedy (Mrs. Lester)  
1930; September 2006

## Stanford

Pamela Anne Bondelie  
1980; April 2004

## Syracuse

Jean Moller Knetsche (Mrs. William)  
1929; December 2005

## Texas

Dorothy Stephens Cate (Mrs. Robert)  
1937; September 2006

Ellana Eastham Kerr (Mrs. William)  
1947; March 2006

Penelope Collier Washington (Mrs.  
Richard)  
1958; May 2006

## Texas Tech

Patricia Lively White (Mrs. Jack)  
1977; October 2006

## Tulane

Gayle Stone Pflueger (Mrs. Wayne)  
1964; June 2006

## USC

Denise Finn Lynch (Mrs. John F.)  
1960; September 2005

## UT Dallas

Michelle Johnson  
1996; January 2007

## Vanderbilt

Harriet Benton Holland (Mrs. John Wisdom)  
1944; September 2006

## Vermont

Mary Wood Smith (Mrs. Sanford)  
1947; June 2006

Carolyn Powell Urquhart (Mrs. Andrew)  
1962; February 2006

## Washburn

Jane Akers Forney (Mrs. Robert)  
1927; November 2006  
Shirley Gibson Vaughn  
1949; December 2006

## Washington

Berwin Hulbert Culp (Mrs. Frank)  
1933; October 2006

Barbara Bruhn Quinan (Mrs. John)  
1942; June 2006

Betty Clawson Watts (Mrs. James)  
1935; January 2007

## Washington State

Mary Elton Kimzey (Mrs. James)  
1935; September 2006

Rosalie Daggy Miller  
1941; October 2006

Shirley Folsom Nelson (Mrs. R. Battle)  
1943; July 2006

## Washington-St. Louis

Elizabeth Nolte Hartmann (Mrs. Henry)  
1948; January 2007

Helen Hughes Hoxie (Mrs. Robert)  
1927; November 2006

Sally Pugh Yett (Mrs. Don)  
1953; November 2006

# RECONNECT WITH THETA

*"Theta for a lifetime"* isn't just a catch phrase. We are always Thetas, and the bond that we share with other Thetas is strong. After college, we often lose touch with our Fraternity, but joining an alumnae chapter (or even helping to start a new one!) is a great way to reconnect.

Kappa Alpha Thetas comprise women of all ages and from chapters all over the continent. Ands offer a wide variety of interesting activities! To find out if there's an alumnae chapter near you, go to [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org), choose About Our Chapters, and click on Find a Chapter. There are several search options.

Thetas in the following areas have expressed interest in forming alumnae chapters. If you would like more information, please contact Kyle Handegard, alumnae district officer extension ([kyleccci@aol.com](mailto:kyleccci@aol.com); 701-282-8652).

**Alabama**  
Mobile

**Alaska**  
Anchorage

**Arizona**  
Phoenix area

**California**  
Bakersfield  
Imperial County  
Palm Springs/  
Palm Desert/  
La Quinta

**Colorado**  
Frisco

**Florida**  
Ft. Lauderdale  
Melbourne  
Panama City  
Port St. Joe

**Georgia**  
Columbus  
Valdosta

**Idaho**  
Boise

**Iowa**  
Ames  
Cedar Falls/  
Waterloo

**Indiana**  
Muncie

**Kentucky**  
Bowling Green

**Mississippi**  
Oxford  
Starkville

**Montana**  
Missoula  
Red Lodge

**New Hampshire**  
Quechee/  
Lebanon/Hanover

**North Carolina**  
Franklin/Asheville  
Greensboro

**North Dakota**  
Bismarck

**New York**  
Albany  
Orange County

**Rhode Island**  
Providence

**South Carolina**  
Columbia  
Hilton Head

**South Dakota**  
Pierre  
Rapid City

**Texas**  
Argyle  
Odessa  
Texarkana

**Vermont**  
Rutland/Royalton/  
Montpelier

**Virginia**  
Charlottesville  
Roanoke

**Washington**  
Bellingham/Seattle

**Wisconsin**  
Madison

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Are you moving to a new community?  
 Are you interested in Theta opportunities in your long-time community?  
 The following alumnae chapters have websites; check them out to learn more.

### Alumnae Chapter Websites

Albuquerque	<a href="http://www.bowdoin.com/abqthetas">www.bowdoin.com/abqthetas</a>	Nashville	<a href="http://www.NashvilleThetas.org">www.NashvilleThetas.org</a>
Arlington Area	<a href="http://www.arlingtonthetas.org/">www.arlingtonthetas.org/</a>	New Orleans	<a href="http://community.nola.com/cc/katsno">community.nola.com/cc/katsno</a>
Atlanta	<a href="http://www.AtlantaThetas.com">www.AtlantaThetas.com</a>	New York City	<a href="http://www.nycthetas.com">www.nycthetas.com</a>
Baltimore	<a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/baltimorethetalumnae/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/baltimorethetalumnae/</a>	Northern VA	<a href="http://www.novatheta.org">www.novatheta.org</a>
Birmingham (Ala.)	<a href="http://www.birminghamthetas.com">www.birminghamthetas.com</a>	Palm Beach County	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/pbtheta/welcome.html">www.geocities.com/pbtheta/welcome.html</a>
Birmingham (Mich.)	<a href="http://www.bhamthetas.org">www.bhamthetas.org</a>	Phoenix	<a href="http://www.phxthetas.org">www.phxthetas.org</a>
Boston Metro	<a href="http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/bostontheta">www.groups.yahoo.com/group/bostontheta</a>	Plano	<a href="http://www.planothetalums.com">www.planothetalums.com</a>
Central Florida	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/centralfloridathetas">www.geocities.com/centralfloridathetas</a>	Richmond	<a href="http://www.richmondthetas.org">www.richmondthetas.org</a>
Chicago North Shore Chapter	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/chicagonorthshorethetas/">www.geocities.com/chicagonorthshorethetas/</a>	Sacramento Valley	<a href="http://www.sacvalleythetas.org">www.sacvalleythetas.org</a>
Dallas	<a href="http://www.dallasthetas.org">www.dallasthetas.org</a>	San Antonio	<a href="http://www.sathetas.com">www.sathetas.com</a>
Denver	<a href="http://www.denverthetas.org">www.denverthetas.org</a>	San Diego	<a href="http://www.sandiegothetas.com">www.sandiegothetas.com</a>
Des Moines	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/dsm_theta/">www.geocities.com/dsm_theta/</a>	San Jose-South Bay Chapter	<a href="http://southbaythetas.homestead.com/home.html">southbaythetas.homestead.com/home.html</a>
Fargo	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/fargo_thetas/home.html">www.geocities.com/fargo_thetas/home.html</a>	Santa Barbara	<a href="http://www.sbthetas.50megs.com">www.sbthetas.50megs.com</a>
Greater Kansas City (Kan. & Mo.) Chapter	<a href="http://www.kcthetalum.org">www.kcthetalum.org</a>	Seattle	<a href="http://www.seattlethetas.org">www.seattlethetas.org</a>
Houston	<a href="http://www.houstonthetas.org">www.houstonthetas.org</a>	St. Louis	<a href="http://www.stltheta.org">www.stltheta.org</a>
Los Angeles	<a href="http://www.lathetas.com">www.lathetas.com</a>	St. Paul	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/stpaultheta/index.html">www.geocities.com/stpaultheta/index.html</a>
Louisville	<a href="http://hometown.aol.com/lenneamull/myhomepage/club.html">hometown.aol.com/lenneamull/myhomepage/club.html</a>	Tampa	<a href="http://pages.ivillage.com/tampa_theta/tampabay_thetaalumnaechapter/">pages.ivillage.com/tampa_theta/tampabay_thetaalumnaechapter/</a>
Minneapolis	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/mntheta">www.geocities.com/mntheta</a>	Tucson	<a href="http://www.tucsonthetas.moonfruit.com/">www.tucsonthetas.moonfruit.com/</a>
Monterey County	<a href="http://montereycountytheta.googlepages.com">montereycountytheta.googlepages.com</a>	Washington DC/Suburban MD	<a href="http://www.dcthetas.org">www.dcthetas.org</a>



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 Gateway to the Americas, Miami is renowned  
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 information in the Summer 2007 issue of  
*The Magazine*.**

# Recommend a Potential New Member

For information about how to submit a letter of reference and a legacy introduction (including where to send the forms), please go to [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org). Log into the site and click on the Recommend a Potential New Member link on the left.

## Legacy Policy

Who is a Theta legacy? A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta. Stepdaughters, step-granddaughters, step-great-granddaughters and stepsisters are considered legacies if their family considers them as such and if the family asks that they be considered as such on the legacy introduction form.

There is no such thing as an indirect legacy (i.e., cousin, niece, etc.), and such persons must not be given special consideration on the invitation list. However, they may have special knowledge of and interest in Kappa Alpha Theta and should be warmly welcomed and recruited.

All legacies receive an automatic invitation to the second round of recruitment. No legacy can be released after the first round of recruitment. The only exception is a legacy who does not meet the scholastic requirements, per the individual college chapter bylaws.

Following the first round of recruitment, the ERB will meet to hold a legacy review. An advisor must be present. At that time, the ERB will ensure that each legacy met the average number of members met by all PNMs participating in recruitment for that round and received the average number of votes that day. All legacies should be met by at least two members of the ERB.

Following the second day of recruitment, the MDD should be contacted regarding legacies. If none are to be released, the MDD will be notified at this time. If a legacy is still below the natural break, the MDD will require that the VPM provide certain information

After the required questions have been answered, a legacy may be released if the MDD determines that she has been given special consideration and if the legacy is not considered to be congenial or a potentially contributing member of the chapter.

All legacies that remain after the second round of recruitment will be invited to the additional rounds thereafter. No legacy will be permitted to be released after the third round of recruitment or any additional rounds thereafter.

There is no preferential treatment given to a "chapter legacy" or a "sitting sister" over a legacy from another chapter.

## KAΘ Legacy Introduction

Complete this legacy introduction form and send it to the Theta chapter on the campus your legacy plans to attend.

This introduction does not take the place of a reference. Please make sure a KAΘ Letter of Reference form is completed on behalf of your legacy.

To \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at \_\_\_\_\_  
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

I wish to introduce my ☐ sister ☐ daughter ☐ granddaughter ☐ great-granddaughter,

\_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST NICKNAME

She will be enrolling on your campus as a ☐ freshman ☐ sophomore ☐ junior ☐ senior beginning \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Her school address will be \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Chapter/School \_\_\_\_\_ Year initiated \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

ZIP CODE

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_



# Kappa Alpha Theta Letter of Reference

(To be used only by members of KΑΘ)

## What to send

Complete information about the potential new member's qualifications is essential and a picture of her is highly desirable.

## Where to send

If the potential new member lives in a recruitment reference board area, the letter of reference may be sent to the recruitment reference board chairman (RRBC). If the potential new member lives in any other area, the letter of reference shall be sent directly to the college chapter. *Do not* send letters of reference to Fraternity headquarters.

## Who can send

Any alumna member in good standing may submit letters of reference.

Current undergraduate members in good standing may submit letters of reference for potential new members attending universities other than their own.

## Remember Theta and NPC Guidelines

Once recruitment has started, alumnae and collegiate members from other campuses must NOT contact members of the college chapter to inquire about progress. Such calls must be addressed to the chapter's membership adviser. Alumnae should neither expect to receive any information about the status of a specific potential new member nor expect to receive bid list information. Alumnae are also prohibited from sending food or gifts in any form to the chapter on behalf of a potential member. Breaking Panhellenic rules may cause the chapter to be penalized.

## I. Potential New Member Information

Name of Potential New Member	LAST	FIRST	MI	NICKNAME
Reference for	Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE			
Entering as	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Age				
Hometown				
High School	NAME, CITY & STATE		Graduation Year	
Class Size	Class Rank	Scholastic Average	ACT/SAT	
College(s) Attended	NAME, CITY & STATE		GPA	
Parent(s) or Guardian(s)	FULL NAME		MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME, IF KNOWN	
Home Address	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

## II. Potential New Member Connections

A Theta legacy is defined as a daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, or sister of a Kappa Alpha Theta in good standing. Stepdaughters, step granddaughters, step great-granddaughters and stepsisters are considered legacies if their Theta family member in good standing considers them as such and if the Theta asks that they be considered on the legacy introduction form.

Kappa Alpha Theta Legacy Information:	<input type="checkbox"/> sister	<input type="checkbox"/> mother	<input type="checkbox"/> grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> great-grandmother
Please indicate if this is a step relation:				
Name	FIRST	MAIDEN	LAST	Chapter
Name	FIRST	MAIDEN	LAST	Chapter
Other KΑΘ Relatives				Chapter
Other women's fraternity connections:	Name	Relation	Fraternity	
	Name	Relation	Fraternity	

## For RRBC Only

RRBC	Signature
Address	Phone and/or e-mail
STREET	CITY
STATE	ZIP CODE
Comments	

## For Chapter Use Only

Required written follow-up with sponsor or RRB:	
Acknowledged reference	by
Notification of outcome	by
New member information submitted online:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
If pledged by KΑΘ, send this reference to Fraternity Headquarters within 14 days; if pledged to another NPC group on your campus, please destroy this reference. If <b>not</b> pledged to any NPC group, retain this reference for two years.	

### III. Qualifications and Attributes



Please write your personal evaluation of the candidate you sponsor. Provide information and relate her qualifications to Kappa Alpha Theta's 4-Points of the Kite.

Please check and add comments and examples at right. *(May attach sheet if space provided is not adequate)*

#### Scholarship

- ☐ Honor Student
- ☐ Enrichment Programs
- ☐ National Honor Society
- ☐ Likely to Finish College

#### Personality

- ☐ Good Moral Character
- ☐ Loyal Member
- ☐ Dependable

#### Presentation

- ☐ Socially Congenial
- ☐ Compatible in a Group
- ☐ Reserved/Quiet
- ☐ Poised

#### Leadership

- ☐ Widest Influence for Good
- ☐ Extracurricular Activities
- ☐ Volunteer Activities
- ☐ Leadership Abilities
- ☐ Commitment

### IV. Suggested topics of conversation during recruitment

### V. Endorsement

*Please check applicable statements*

- ☐ The family and/or this woman is able to assume financial obligations of fraternity membership.
- ☐ To my knowledge, this woman is not, nor ever has been, an initiated member of an NPC group.
- ☐ I hereby recommend this woman for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta based upon:
  - ☐ My personal acquaintance with her. I have known her for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - ☐ My acquaintance with this woman is through her family. I have known them for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - ☐ I do not know the potential new member; information was secured from a reliable source (mutual friend, teacher, clergy, Panhellenic files, etc.). That source is \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initiated \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAPTER/DATE

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Ad(s) to run in this issue of  
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☐ Winter

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# Coming in the Summer 2007 issue

## In Her Own Words

*Singer/songwriter Kate Voegele, ΓΨ/Miami, is 20, and her first album will be released this spring.*

## UNF Welcomes Theta

*Our newest college chapter is at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.*

## Save the Date!

*Grand Convention 2008: June 18 – June 22.*

## Theta authors • reunions • notables

And don't miss...

- Theta's **academic achievers**
- **Recruitment results** across the continent
- What's new on **Theta's website**



# Foundation

Dear Sisters and Friends,

We are pleased to present the 2006 Annual Report. This report serves as a summary of the Foundation's financial developments for the fiscal year July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006. We extend thanks to our donors, staff, and volunteers for their dedicated support and our many accomplishments throughout the year.

We awarded 176 scholarships totaling \$480,750 in financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate members of the Fraternity. We granted \$403,000 to the Fraternity to provide educational and leadership programs; granted \$40,000 to individual members and chapters, both college and alumnae, for educational and leadership development; and granted \$30,000 for Theta collegians to attend the prestigious LeaderShape Institute, an intense, hands-on experience during which college students from across the country learn team-building and effective communication skills. Additionally we provided a record \$156,000 to Theta alumnae and collegians experiencing severe financial hardships through the Friendship Fund and continued our commitment to children in need granting \$30,000 to National CASA.

As the Foundation Board of Trustees, we are pleased to say there is much to look forward to. The possibilities to strengthen and empower members through philanthropy and education truly are endless. The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation remains on the forefront in many areas



2006-2008 Foundation Board of Trustees

because of continued support of our members and friends. The work we do today will help assure our future viability. Our recent success is because of you, and our future success depends on you. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your commitment and generosity.

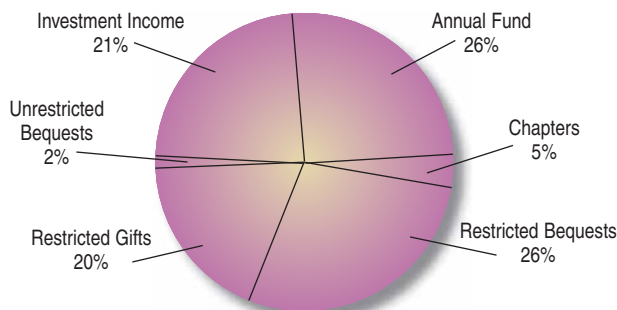
If you have questions regarding the annual report, please send us an e-mail, [FDNMail@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:FDNMail@kappaalphatheta.org).

Loyally,  
The 2006-2008 Foundation Board of Trustees

## Annual Report

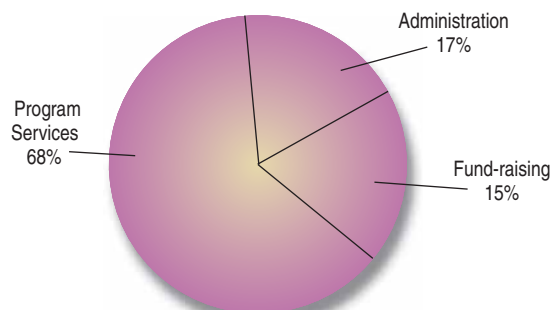
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

### Foundation Revenue\*



Alumnae & College Chapters	\$ 173,942
Chapter Projects	1,500
Annual Fund	855,370
Other Contributions	9,739
Bequests	80,144
Restricted Bequests	853,656
Gifts to Educational Trust Fund	489,298
Named Trust Gifts	13,500
Friendship Fund Donations	133,826
Net Interest & Dividends	652,445
Other Revenues	568
Realized Gain on Sale of Investments	24,491
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 3,288,478</b>

### Foundation Expenses



Administration	\$ 309,937
General Program Expenses	56,557
Fund-raising Expenses	288,289
Scholarships	470,225
CASA Grant	60,000
Friendship Fund Gifts	156,337
Chapter Projects Grant	40,081
Educational Grants to Fraternity	402,878
DePauw Memorial Library	350
Heartsprings	17,000
Leadership Grants	19,337
Other Grants	40,166
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,869,157</b>

\*Not including unrealized gain of \$ 718,170 and change in value of split-interest agreements of (\$2,720).

The above Foundation revenue and expenses information has been prepared from the financial statements of Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Those Financial statements have been audited by Ness and Co., LLP.



April is

## *Foundation Awareness Month*

Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing awareness of the Foundation's mission to strengthen and empower members through philanthropy and education. It works through an education campaign aimed at members, college and alumnae alike! The campaign began in 2006 as an opportunity for the Fraternity and Foundation to reach out to all members to share the message of how our ideals, put into action, make an impact for Thetas everywhere.

Created by Thetas, for Thetas, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is dedicated to raising money through our members and friends to strengthen our fraternity via scholarships, educational and leadership opportunities, and the support of sisters in times of need.

Since the beginning, the Foundation has been a way of linking human resources with financial resources to make an impact on today's needs. It's Thetas of all ages putting ideals into action and helping human beings to realize their fullest potential. We hope that you will join us in celebrating Foundation Awareness Month!

### Foundation by the Numbers

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Founders Day celebrations  
attended by Foundation  
trustees and staff

5,352

pages of completed  
scholarship applications  
received in February of 2007

9

the district who had  
the first chapter  
respond to the  
undergraduate  
challenge

446

members who applied  
for a Foundation  
scholarship this year

10

dedicated volunteers serving on the  
Foundation's Board of Trustees

23

grants available for  
undergraduates to attend  
LeaderShape this summer

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available in graduate and  
undergraduate  
scholarships in 2007

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# Scholarships

Fulfilling our commitment to the highest scholarship, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation remains an industry leader in supporting college and alumnae members pursuing their educational dreams. One hundred and seventy-six Thetas were awarded \$480,750 in scholarships last year. Since the Foundation's establishment in 1960, more than \$5 million in scholarships has been awarded to members of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Thoughtful and generous gifts make the Foundation's scholarship program possible. An Educational Scholarship Endowment Fund can be established by an individual, facility corporation, and college or alumnae chapter in the name of the founding contributor(s) or in honor or memory of an individual. The minimum amount required to establish a

scholarship is \$25,000, payable over five years. The Foundation manages more than 140 funds that pay tribute to cherished Thetas or college or alumnae chapters.

Foundation scholarships are merit-based and applicants are scored in four categories; academics, Fraternity activities, campus and/or community activities, and references. College and alumna members in good standing with the Fraternity are eligible to apply and encouraged to do so. This year, 446 members applied for a Foundation scholarship. Applicants included 281 undergraduate members, and 165 alumnae members. The application deadline was February 1, recipients will be announced on or before May 30, and awards will be issued on or before June 30. The Foundation will award more than \$500,000 in undergraduate and graduate scholarships in 2007.

## 2007 Founders Memorial Scholarship Nominees

Each year, every college chapter selects their most outstanding junior member to be considered for the prestigious Founders Memorial Scholarships. Four of

these nominees are selected and each receives a \$10,000 scholarship honoring each of Theta's founders. Congratulations to this year's nominees (*listed below*)!

District 1		District 4		District 7	
Rachel Walsh	A/DePauw	Rachel L. Darche	BA/William & Mary	Ariana K. Fahrney	O/USC
Wendy Youngvorst	B/Indiana	Jillian Harris	BP/Duke	Meaghan Kramer	BA/Arizona
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Aubrey Hall	H/Michigan	Amara Suebsaeng	EM/Princeton	Marianne Kunz	ΔE/Arizona State
Jodi Warner	N/Hanover	Michelle L. Markwith	EO/Randolph-Macon	Shayna Marks	EΣ/UC Irvine
Catherine Game	Π/Albion	Lisa M. McHenry	EP/Lehigh	Amy Fujisaki	ZΘ/Cal Polytechnic State
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Joan Murphy	Ψ/Wisconsin	Alice Shih	ZI/Washington & Lee	Meagan Winings	ZΦ/Pepperdine
Anna Stevenson	AX/Purdue	Elizabeth W. Sullo	ZT/Delaware	Sarah G. Mangan	ZΩ/Loyola
Catherine J. Augustyn	AΨ/Lawrence	Esther Bochner	ZX/John Hopkins	Ashley McVey	HI/San Diego
Colby Eklund	BΠ/Michigan State	District 5		Anna Castagnozzi Bush	HM/Occidental
Julie Rochefort	ΓE/Western Ontario	Kate Livesay	AH/Vanderbilt	District 8	
Meghan McClelland	ΔΣ/Ball State	Brooke Frankfield	BN/Florida State	Sarah E. Bloom	Φ/Pacific
Colette Hausoul	EΦ/Chicago	Amanda Powell	ΓΔ/Georgia	Clarissa Wong	Ω/UC Berkeley
Paige Winkels	HN/Lake Forest	Lucy Hagan	ΓI/Kentucky	Anne Meyer	AΣ/Washington State
District 2		Allison West	ΔZ/Emory	Lisa N. McDonald	BY/British Columbia
Rachel E. Shanks	ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan	Danielle L. Hall	ΔΘ/Florida	Katerina M. DeHart	ΔI/Puget Sound
Glenna J. Kramer	M/Allegheny College	Laura Howell	ΔO/Alabama	Annie Kadavy	ΦΔ/Stanford
Robin I. Jacobson	AT/Ohio State	Allison Hammer	ΔY/Eastern Kentucky	Amanda Petersen	ZN/UC Davis
Erin St. George	AT/Cincinnati	Meredith Reaves	ΔΦ/Clemson	Rachel M. Burkett	HH/Albertson
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Rohini Gokhale	I/Cornell	Kate Kuhlmann	ΓΦ/Texas Tech	Whitney J. Goede	BK/Drake
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Brittany V. Locke	AE/Brown	Catherine Simpson	ΔK/Louisiana State	Anne Marie Kelley	BΩ/Colorado
Annie B. Haylon	ΓZ/Connecticut	Melissa Swift	ΔΩ/Texas A&M	Catherine M. Sturn	ΓN/N. Dakota State
Ellie Brophy	ET/Yale	Megan E. Boyd	EE/Baylor	Kimberly A. Kiraly	ΓΠ/Iowa State
Eva Grzesik	EY/Columbia	Rachael Garrett	EZ/Mississippi	Kelsey Frasier	ΔH/Kansas State
Carolyn Theis	ZZ/Colgate	Kate E. Lightfield	ZY/UT Dallas	Kathryn L. Pilgram	EI/Westminster
Rose Zhong	ZM/MIT	Sara A. Lowrey	ZΨ/So. Mississippi		
Alison Pipitone	ZΞ/~				
Lauren A. Werfelman	HΞ/Quinnipiac				

Names received as of February 1, 2007



# I Can ...

Wendy Sears Goshert, Gamma/Butler, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation president, is a woman on a mission. Her goal: to share the story of the Foundation with her fellow Thetas across the globe.

"Until I have had the opportunity to tell every Theta how to best go from 'I can' to 'I will,' I won't rest. I am on a mission, and I want to get the story out there," Goshert says.

So ... just what is the story Goshert wants to convey? Many Theta collegians and alumnae know the Foundation exists, but beyond that, how large is the knowledge base? Do Thetas know of all the ways the Foundation works to assist Thetas? And do they recognize their own abilities to offer assistance to this component of the Theta sisterhood?

## I Can ... and I Will: The Foundation's mission

Jennifer Kendall Pendleton, Delta Sigma/Ball State, does recognize the questions regarding the Foundation, and she's ready to answer them. As the Foundation's executive director, Pendleton sees her role as helping the Foundation become better recognized among the total Fraternity population.

"We have a healthy annual fund, and I recognized that immediately when I started here at the

Foundation about a year ago," Pendleton explains. "The extra personal touch to bring donations full-circle and for others to recognize the importance of any gift, big or small, is what we needed."

Gifts to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, whether measuring in the thousands of dollars or symbolically marking the year of the Fraternity's founding (\$18.70), make all the difference, according to Goshert, and the impetus behind the gift is where it starts.

"People give of their time or money for various reasons, none of which we have control over," Goshert says. "We've reviewed the research on why people give and what motivates people to share—it's either the right time in their lives financially or it's a way to honor or memorialize someone special to them. It comes down to those people deciding between 'I can' versus 'I will.' Just because a member *can* give to the Foundation doesn't mean she *will*. It's working together—Foundation and Fraternity—to bridge that gap."

And Goshert and Pendleton both think showing Thetas the work being done by the Foundation is vital to helping them move from "I can" to "I will."

"The list of ways the Foundation helps Thetas is long," Goshert says. "There's leadership development and educational outreach. There are grants and gifts to share with sisters

in need via the Friendship Fund. Our members need to be made better aware of these areas of support and how they can support others through financial gifts. Now it's finding ways to remind everyone about the Foundation—ways to support it and benefit from it, depending on a sister's needs."

"Together, the Foundation and Fraternity play a pivotal role in one another's success. There isn't one without the other, and in our pursuit of excellence, we've challenged ourselves with this statement: *Kappa Alpha Theta is the organization that provides the finest and most rewarding membership experience*," Pendleton explains.

"Members become highly aware of the 'finest and most rewarding experience' during their college years. We want alumnae to remember that 'Theta is for a lifetime,' and that lifetime includes the role of the Foundation for each of them. There are so many ways to share and benefit from this organization, and helping members best understand them is a priority for us.

"If you want to go back to school or if you want training not provided by your employer, consider the Foundation, as there are scholarships and grants available to everyone. In 2007, there is \$60,000 to put toward leadership grants. And if you find yourself in severe financial hardship, help may be available from the Friendship Fund. When you stop

by Erin Kretzschmar, AM/Missouri

# and I Will

Together, Thetas from around the world contribute  
to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation

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— Wendy Goshert



Wendy Sears Goshert, Gamma/Butler, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation president, and Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, Gamma Tau/Tulsa, Fraternity president.

**“There’s no expiration date on your loyalty pledge. We each took a vow to become the best possible Thetas we can be, and playing a role in the success of our Foundation ties into that.”**

— Karen Ledbetter

and think about it, the Foundation truly is there for our members in times of trial and in triumph.”

## **I can ... and I will: Understand more about the Foundation**

At Grand Convention 1960, delegates voted to “... take the legal steps necessary to establish a foundation for Kappa Alpha Theta.” That unanimous vote led to the creation of a tax-exempt foundation to further the philanthropic goals of the Fraternity.

Since the Foundation’s birth, it has raised funds through individual members, college chapters, and alumnae chapters to help support Fraternity programs, award scholarships to Theta undergraduates and graduates, provide grants for professional and educational purposes, and award “Friendship Fund” gifts to sisters during times of hardship.

“The Foundation is the bloodline for Theta,” says Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, Gamma Tau/Tulsa, Fraternity president. “If we didn’t have it and the unrestricted dollars coming into it from our members, we’d be in sorry shape. On the flip side, thanks to the benevolence of so many Thetas, we have a way to

assist our members in so many different ways.”

As Fraternity president, Ledbetter sits on the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, along with the Foundation’s president and vice-president, six elected Board members, and the Fraternity’s vice-president alumnae.

The Board, as a whole, works together to distribute the Foundation’s scholarships, grants, and Friendship Fund dollars.

“Members need to see the Foundation’s Board as people who are just like them,” stresses Kathy Bennett Tonkel, Eta/Michigan, Foundation vice-president and development committee chairman. “Everything we do works in a circle and feeds right back. We raise money from Thetas to help more Thetas.”

Tonkel, who has served as a Fraternity and Foundation officer for more than 20 years, notes the Board’s desire to “give a face” to the Foundation.

“The Foundation shouldn’t be personified by the Board and by the staff, but by the sisters who give so generously. The role of the Foundation and the Fraternity can be so significant in the lives of our member from the time they are collegians through their graduate years and beyond. The Foundation will always be there as a part of their

Theta lifetimes,” Tonkel explains.

Realizing the Foundation not only would like to receive members’ dollars through contributions but also is there to assist members financially is often like a light bulb going off in Thetas’ heads.

“Reminding members of the various areas of help available is something we strive for continuously,” says Cindy Shaffer Thoennes, Alpha Chi/Purdue, who serves as coordinator of programs for the Foundation. “I see the various ways we assist members on a daily basis, and I know there is more we can do, both via our gifts given and received.”

Thoennes also is quick to point out that Kappa Alpha Theta is among the front-runners in its support of its own Foundation.

“I’m so proud of the Foundation, specifically its scholarship program,” Thoennes explains. “We are a leader in this area within the Greek system, in terms of scholarships awarded. It’s touching to see scholarships named after members who have meant so much to so many, and that is a testament to the devotion and support of our sisterhood.”

With plans to award more than \$500,000 in scholarships in 2007, the Foundation’s role in the educational aspirations of its members grows



stronger with each year.

"Our Foundation is strong in the area of scholarship, and we want that to continue. It's in other areas where our knowledge base needs to continually grow and expand among our membership," Ledbetter says.

Members also shouldn't assume the level of their fellow sisters' Foundation awareness, recognizing it never hurts to remind members of the options available to them.

"A few years back, a colleague and I were chatting and discovered we were both Thetas," Goshert says. "As time went on, my co-worker decided she wanted to go back to school and pursue a dream of being a teacher, but she wasn't sure of her financial means. I said to her, 'Have you ever considered a grant from the Theta Foundation?' That led to her application, which led to her being a recipient."

## I can ... and I will: Work with others to assist the Fraternity

Through a recent strategic overview and planning session, Fraternity and Foundation officers and staff members further defined how the two components of Kappa Alpha Theta must work together toward a common goal.

"We were losing ground with other women's fraternities in our outreach. We weren't relevant, and we weren't concentrating on what Theta collegians and alumnae need in order to learn and excel. The Foundation Board of Trustees and the Fraternity Grand Council put their heads together to solve this," Karen Ledbetter says.

A multi-pronged Foundation marketing and education program has been one result. This includes new presentations to college chapters, newsletters (including *The Link* e-newsletter), articles (such as this one!) in *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, and a steady stream of e-mail correspondence with members.

"Thank goodness for the Internet," Ledbetter admits. "We have been able to reconnect with so many alumnae through e-mail and fill a void in communication that we discovered during the strategic planning process—finding a way to bring Thetas back to the

Fraternity and Foundation to let them know what's happening, how they can help, and how Theta might help them."

With education and marketing focused on helping Thetas understand that "they can" support the Foundation, the next step is moving from "I can" to "I will" in assisting the Foundation financially.

"It's beyond the Board of Trustees picking up the phone or knocking on doors to say, 'Have you made a contribution to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation this year?'," Goshert admits. "We want to share the 'Learn, Grow, Excel' mentality of the Fraternity with everyone. By showing success, both in how donated dollars are put to work through Foundation outreach and what members achieve with those monies, we're educating everyone on sisters helping sisters."

"And we have power in numbers. Ten percent of alumnae give monetarily to the Foundation at this point, and we all recognize that no gift is too small."

One idea suggested to college chapters is for each member to begin in her initiation year giving one dollar to Theta and, in future years, adding one more dollar for every year of membership.

"This starts the giving process at a very basic level and also is a way for a member to celebrate her membership with Theta on a yearly basis," Pendleton explains. "It's not *how much* you give but *that* you give that matters."

College and alumnae members also are encouraged to think of other ways they can start contributing to the Foundation. Some ideas include:

- Contribute a "Latte-a-Day" for a week or month; instead of buying a daily mocha latte or grande coffee, donate those days' worth of dollars to the Foundation;
- Honor a Theta sister with a gift to the Foundation on the occasion of a wedding, career milestone, or birth of a child;
- Recognize the Foundation in your estate planning or will;
- Give an annual gift in the amount of your initiation year (\$19.93 a year for this article's author, for example!).

"There's no way we can put a dollar

amount on our Theta experience, from the time we spent in college during our active years to becoming involved in your local alumnae chapter to attending Grand Convention," Goshert says. "Thinking of it from this perspective allows members to best gauge their own finances and ability to say, 'I will give consistently to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.'"

Some very special gifts to the Foundation recognize sisters who gave much to Theta and who—thanks to the generosity of their loved ones—will be remembered for years to come. One example is the late Joyce Anne Vitelli, Chi/Syracuse.



Joyce Ann Vitelli, X/Syracuse,  
continues to be a part of Theta.

Member  
Volunteer  
Officer  
Trustee

Named scholarship honoree

To honor his wife's memory, Vitelli's widower, Ray, established a \$10,000 annual Foundation scholarship in her name—the Joyce Anne Vitelli Memorial Scholarship.

"Joyce Anne was a person who loved Theta," explains Ray Vitelli. The couple, who resided in Naples, Fla., met during college, when she was an active Fraternity member at Syracuse University.

The couple married and journeyed throughout the United States as he traveled for his work. She remained involved with Kappa Alpha Theta, hosting chapter consultants in their home, devoting many years as the chairman of the Foundation's scholarship committee, and consistently contributed monetarily to the Foundation.

"Chairing the scholarship committee was a big undertaking, and Joyce Anne played a big role in getting the selection process established and fine-tuned over the years," remembers Vitelli.

The couple also spent those years traveling together to Theta meetings and conventions, as well as socializing in Naples with other Theta alumnae and their spouses.

"I first met Joyce Anne at Grand Convention 1984," says Pat Frey,

Alpha/DePauw, a Theta alumna who then looked up the Vitellis when she and her husband moved to Naples. "She was the one who encouraged me to become re-involved with Theta locally, and I learned more about the Foundation through her dedication to it and the scholarship committee."

**"It's touching to see Foundation scholarships named after members who have meant so much to so many, and that is a testament to the devotion and support of our sisterhood."**

— Cindy Thoennes

The first presentation of the Joyce Anne Vitelli Memorial Scholarship is set for this summer, and both Vitelli and Frey see it as a way for Joyce Anne to still be a part of Kappa Alpha Theta.

"When she died, I wanted to do something to remember her and have

## *I Can and I Will ...* **But where do my dollars go?**

I can ... and I will. Thetas who decide they can and will contribute to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation have a number of options when making donations.

Individuals may consider the following when deciding which way to support the Foundation.

- Gifts of cash or gifts by credit card
- Electronic funds transfer (EFT)
- Matching gift program
- Gifts of stock
- Planned gifts
- Gifts made in honor, memory or celebration of Thetas, family members or friends

In addition to choosing what form a gift will take, Thetas may also choose to support a specific program area.

### **Scholarships**

Individuals can donate to the Foundation's scholarship program by either giving a gift to an existing named scholarship endowment or to the Foundation's general scholarship fund. The most recognizable of the named scholarships are the Founders Memorial Scholarships, given annually in memory of Bettie Locke Hamilton, Alice Allen Brant, Bettie Tipton

Lindsey and Hannah Fitch Shaw.

All scholarships are merit-based awards for Thetas enrolled in undergraduate or graduate degree programs in universities throughout the United States or Canada. In 2006, the Foundation awarded nearly \$500,000 to 176 Thetas who were pursuing degrees in various areas of study. Since its inception in 1960, the Foundation has awarded more than \$5 million to Theta collegians and alumnae pursuing their educational dreams.

In order to endow a new named scholarship (that will be awarded in perpetuity), the Foundation requires a \$25,000 initial gift, with a minimum of \$10,000 given in the first year. The scholarship must be fully funded within five years.

### **Grants**

Leadership, growth and other non-degree programs for Thetas are supported by gifts to an existing named trust that supports these areas. The Foundation awards grants to individual collegians or alumnae for leadership training or non-degree educational opportunities. College and alumnae chapters also are eligible to receive Foundation grants for leadership training or educational programming.

To create a new named trust requires a \$25,000 gift, with a minimum of \$10,000 given in the first year, and the trust must be fully funded within five years.

### **Fraternity grant**

The Foundation awards an annual grant to the Fraternity to help underwrite educational and leadership programs. These programs, in turn, help members develop skills that ultimately



others remember her, and this scholarship was a way to offer meaningful help to another Theta each year," Vitelli says.

"Joyce Anne was such a beautiful person," Frey explains. "She was always smiling, and she put people at ease when she was around them. She was gracious and poised in all her leadership roles for Theta. I know she would be very humbled and honored to be recognized with this Foundation scholarship because she knew what this organization does and what it represents for our Theta sisters."

"Regardless of how a member contributes, a gift to the Foundation is an investment in the future," points out Kathy Tonkel.

## I can ... and I will: A personal decision

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation recognizes that members give of their financial resources as a way to stay connected to the Fraternity, says Jen Pendleton. "By further recognizing that commitment and celebrating it through the Foundation's outreach and raising awareness among all members, we want others to experience the same opportunities."

The Fraternity and Foundation leadership continue to see ways in which the "I can ... and I will" mindset is taking shape.

"More and more college chapters and alumnae chapters are holding events that benefit the Foundation," Ledbetter says. "We aren't the only

arm of Theta benefiting, but we take those dollars and put them right back into Thetas' hands."

And Ledbetter's key reminder is one that can be recognized by each and every Theta on the planet. "There's no expiration date on your loyalty card," Ledbetter happily reminds her sisters. "We each took a vow to become the best possible Thetas we can be, and playing a role in the success of our Foundation ties into that."

To Goshert and all Foundation officers and staff, the mission is clear.

"Again, it's that ability, through the Foundation, to say 'We are sisters helping sisters,'" Goshert says. "To join us, please say, 'I can ... and I will!'"

strengthen not only Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity but also Thetas' local communities. Gifts of any amount to the Fraternity grant will help the Foundation fund more programs annually for the Fraternity.

For instance, through the Fraternity grant, the Foundation has awarded more than \$500,000 for undergraduate members to attend sessions of the LeaderShape Institute. This not-for-profit program hosts a six-day session in which participants learn to "lead with integrity." Since 1990, more than 500 undergraduate Fraternity members have attended the LeaderShape Institute.

## Friendship Fund

Nothing symbolizes the phrase "Theta for a lifetime" quite like the Foundation's Friendship Fund, established in 1926. Throughout the past 80 years, this Fund—which started with the donation of pennies at Founders Day celebrations—has enabled the Fraternity and Foundation to support Theta sisters experiencing severe financial distress, catastrophic illness, natural disaster, and urgent family crisis.

An important ongoing tradition is the confidentiality surrounding the giving of gifts from the fund. Two members write on behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records remain private. Friendship Fund dollars are given to Theta sisters without the expectation of repayment.

The Foundation accepts contributions of any amount to the Friendship Fund. Recently, Foundation gifts helped Thetas recovering from Hurricane Katrina; more than \$85,000 from the Friendship Fund assisted Thetas in the Gulf Coast region.

## National CASA

Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation plays a critical role in Theta's partnership with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Via donations from members, the Foundation supports National CASA with a \$60,000 biennial grant to underwrite the organization's toll-free phone number and educational materials and displays for volunteers, as well as the Kappa Alpha Theta Program Director of the Year program.

To date, the Foundation has contributed more than \$900,000 to National CASA. Gifts from generous individuals and college and alumnae chapters enable the Foundation to support this worthwhile cause.

## Unrestricted gifts

Unrestricted gifts to the Foundation can sometimes be the most helpful. These contributions allow the Foundation and its Board of Trustees to determine how funds are used to assist with the overall operations of the Foundation. The more support the Foundation has for its operations, the more funds it can raise for its other initiatives and areas of outreach.

Specific information on the various "areas of Foundation giving," as well as applications for assistance and contributions, is available online at [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org).

For more information on supporting a specific area of outreach within the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, please contact Jen Pendleton, Foundation executive director (800.876.1870; [jpendleton@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:jpendleton@kappaalphatheta.org)). ◆



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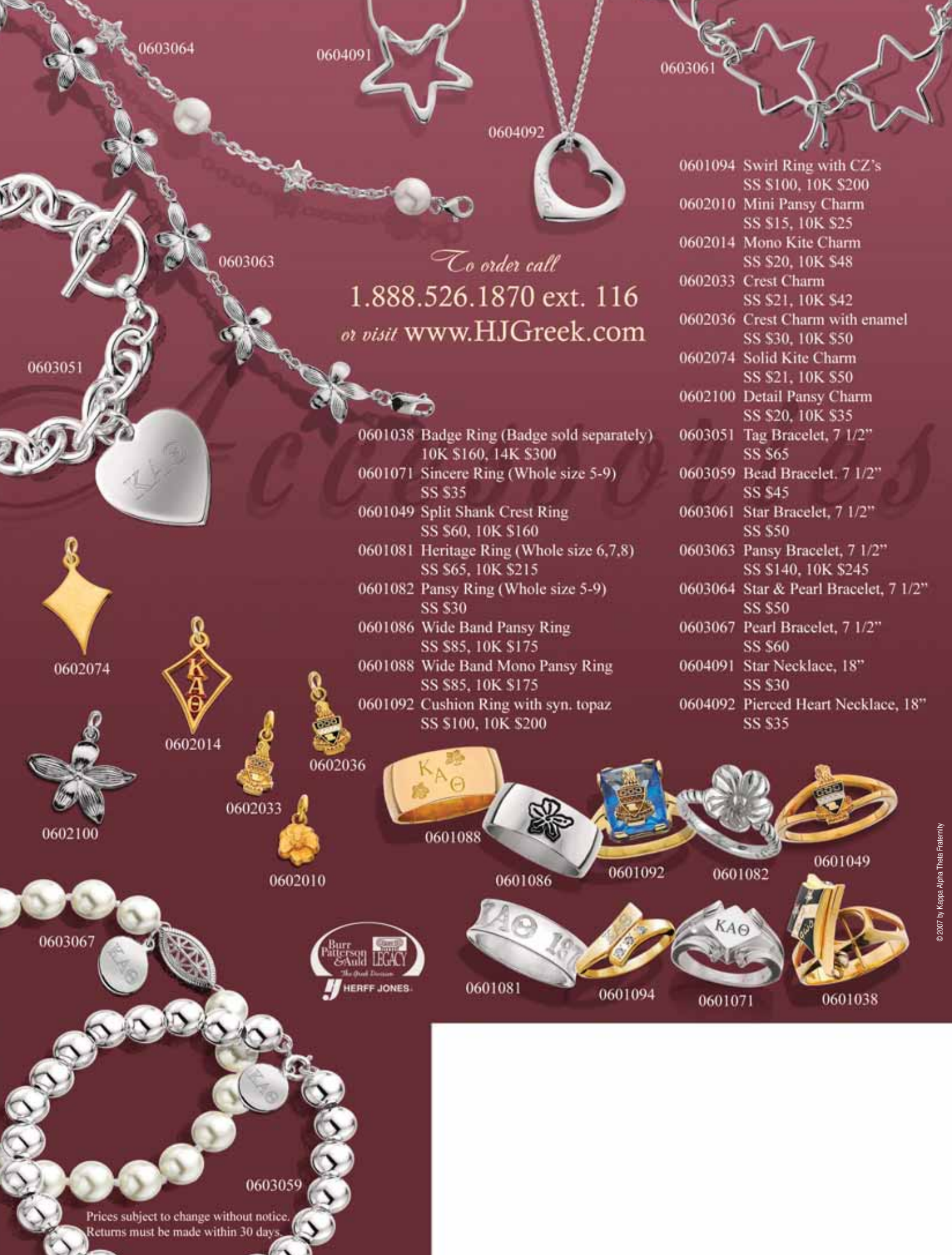
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